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Japan banks closure threat in trade war

Minister to deliver ultimatum to Tokyo

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Japanese banks and insurance companies in London face closure inside a month unless British companies are given freer access to Tokyo markets.

The stiff ultimatum, which will be delivered personally to Japan at the weekend by Mr Michael Howard, the Consumer Affairs Minister, comes after an "open discussion" of Britain's trading difficulties with Japan at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues agreed to bring into force the reciprocity clauses of the Financial Services Act which will empower the Government to prevent foreign banking and insurance firms trading if UK companies are not given access to other country's financial markets.

The new powers will take 21 days to come into force and Mr Howard is expected to go to Tokyo armed with a timetable for the access of British financial institutions to Tokyo's Stock Exchange.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, confirmed last night: "I am now sending Mr Howard to talk in particular with the Japanese Government about opening their financial services market, in particular the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

"He will go with a firm timetable which we hope the Japanese authorities will accept so that we can get firms into Tokyo just as they are coming here.

"If we do not we shall seriously consider action under the reciprocity measures."

It was made clear in Whitehall last night that Japanese Government officials will be told bluntly that Mrs Thatcher needs to know by the end of the month that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's administration intends to end its closed door trading practises — or feel the full force of the draconian provisions brought into operation against Japanese firms in London.

Mr Howard will also seek reassurances about Cable & Wireless, the British telecommunications group, not being barred from obtaining a slice of Japan's telephone market.

Mrs Thatcher is making clear that the willingness of the Japanese Government to allow Cable & Wireless a "full and substantial participation" in Japan's telecommunications field is seen as a key test of its willingness to open up Japanese markets.

Within hours of the Cabinet meeting, Mrs Thatcher received a reply to the letter she sent to the Japanese Prime Minister a month ago in which she first expressed her anxiety over the apparent rebuff to Cable & Wireless.

Mr Nakasone said he was giving his personal attention to the matter and expressed the hope that a solution could be achieved which would be acceptable "to all those concerned both at home and abroad".

This was being interpreted last night as a clear sign of the Japanese Government's concern that the British company should get "a fair crack of the whip".

While Mr Howard is in Japan, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, will meet his EEC counterparts at the weekend to discuss the Japanese trade imbalance.

In particular, EEC ministers are expected to discuss Japan's block on motor vehicles and medical supplies.

The Government's decision has privately dismayed the Bank of England, whose officials dislike the Government's highly public campaign against the Japanese. They do not want the City drawn into the argument over Cable & Wireless and other trade matters.

The Cabinet is only intending to bring forward the powers which apply to banking and insurance business in Britain.

In the insurance sector, decisions on reciprocity would be up to the Department of Trade and Industry. In the banking sector they would be the responsibility of the Treasury, but the Bank of England, as the licence-granting body for banks, would be responsible for acting on the Treasury's decisions by withholding or revoking licences.

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Riots erupted in Santiago as the Pope's visit to Chile opened. Shortly after he was greeted by President Pinochet (right), demonstrators shouting "Bread, justice, liberty" and "Pinochet, murderer" fought security police only 50 yards from where the Pope was speaking. The police retaliated, beating protesters with clubs and calling up water cannon. Report, page 7.

World now safer, says Thatcher

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher, cheered by Conservatives, told the Commons yesterday that her visit to the Soviet Union had helped to make the world a safer place at what might be a turning point in history.

There were rowdy scenes as Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, suggested that agreements in Moscow on cultural exchanges and space research were old ones refurbished for the occasion, and that the assurances she had been given on human rights were only a repetition of those given to him on his Soviet visit.

Tory MPs were angry when he suggested that Mrs Thatcher's mind had been broadened "by travel or chemistry".

Conservatives led by the former Foreign Secretary, Mr Francis Pym, applauded the success of Mrs Thatcher's mission and attacked Mr Kinnock for what he called grudging and carping comments. Mr Alan Beith, the Alliance spokesman on foreign affairs, gave her a much warmer welcome home.

Mrs Thatcher, for her part, uttered a resolute defence of her determination to retain an independent nuclear deterrent for Britain. "Conventional weapons are not enough to stop a conventional war," she said, meeting Labour criticism by retorting: "You don't found your defence policies on dreams, you found them on security."

Conservative MPs are convinced that the success of Mrs Thatcher's visit will bring a handsome return in the opinion polls, and they believe that Mr Kinnock's behaviour will only help that.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, in the first official reaction in Moscow to Mrs Thatcher's visit, accused the British Government of "old political thinking" over arms control and the Prime Minister of "nucleophilia, the love of everything nuclear".

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The Labour leader later stepped up his criticism of what he dubbed to reporters as the "Micky and Maggie Show". He spoke scathingly of her visit to Tbilisi, Georgia: "That's not abroad now — they're thinking of making it a tax haven."

Mr Kinnock predicted that the Soviet trip will have no more effect on the opinion polls than the Budget. But after his much-criticized trip to see President Reagan, ministers are convinced that he is wrong. After the shocks the Government suffered in the week before Mrs Thatcher's visit, with a major advance by the Alliance, they will be anxiously watching the opinion polls.

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons that US arms negotiators at Geneva should travel to London and other Nato capitals more often to keep the Allies informed. She also indicated her support for a "global zero-zero" option in intermediate nuclear weapons rather than a European zero-zero option.

She and Mr Gorbachev had agreed that priority should be given to an agreement on intermediate range nuclear weapons, with strict verification, constraints on shorter-range systems and immediate follow-on negotiations to deal more fully with shorter-range systems. But they had not agreed on Nato's belief that the West should have a right to match Soviet shorter-range systems.

They had agreed on the need for a ban on chemical weapons and Mr Gorbachev had indicated that the Soviet Union could "broadly accept" Britain's approach. She had expressed her support for a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons. And while Mr Gorbachev had insisted that such reductions must be linked to agreements on "Star Wars", he would consider Mrs Thatcher's proposals for an agreed timetable on such research on both sides.

Labour to unveil election platform

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The main domestic planks of Labour's election manifesto are to be unveiled tomorrow as the party prepares to launch a major new campaign against the Government and the divisions it alleges it has created in society.

Mr Neil Kinnock and his shadow ministers are embarking on an offensive, backed by a nationwide poster advertising campaign starting on Monday, to lift the party from its recent difficulties and fall in opinion polls.

And tomorrow Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, will put the party on the alert for an election within weeks by revealing that the manifesto — often the subject of bitter dispute within the party in the run-up to past elections — will be credible and realistic and will only contain proposals that can be achieved during the lifetime of a parliament.

His message, unwelcome to the left, will be a clear warning that the party must not promise more than it can deliver given the limit the party leadership has set itself of a £6 billion increase in investment in the first two years of a Labour government.

But despite that restraint, Mr Hattersley is expected to reveal that the manifesto will commit Labour to reducing unemployment by 1 million within two years, raising the single pension by £5 a week and the married pension by £8 a week, introducing a statutory minimum wage, providing crime prevention grants for tenants and home owners, and raising child benefit by £3 a week.

Other objectives, he is expected to make clear in a speech in Southampton — such as universal provision of nursery education — will be worked towards, but will obviously take longer to achieve.

Labour's new campaign will be buttressed by a nationwide television interview given by Mr Kinnock on Sunday

France expels 3 Russians

France has ordered three Soviet diplomats to leave the country within eight days for "activities unconnected with their mission and their status". The Foreign Ministry declined to name the diplomats or give any further details.

The expulsions came after the discovery of a spy ring trying to penetrate the secrets of the European Ariane rocket's engines. Seven people — five Frenchmen and two women of East European origin — have already been charged with spying for a foreign power.

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Saunders sells

Mr Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, has raised more than £50,000 through the sale of about half his shares in the company ..... Page 21

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The £190 million purchase of Royal Ordnance by British Aerospace has been confirmed, despite a last-ditch rival GKN bid ..... Page 21

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Reprimand for police

Order on mystery scientists

By Tony Dawe

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday ordered police forces to liaise over the fate of six scientists, five dead and one missing, at the centre of what MPs are calling "a growing defence mystery". But there is to be no government inquiry into the affair "at this stage".

Mr Hurd's action was seen at Westminster last night as a reprimand to the police, who had been insisting there was "nothing sinister" about the deaths and disappearance and therefore no need for co-operation between forces.

The police believe three of the men, all engaged on important defence projects, committed bizarre suicides and that the other two died accidental deaths. They have been treating the disappearance of a research worker as "a normal missing person case."

But Mr Hurd has told Hampshire police, where the latest death — of a computer expert, Mr David Sands — occurred on Monday, to contact the other forces involved.

The Government's decision not to hold an inquiry was announced in a letter to Mr John Cartwright, MP, the SDP defence spokesman, yesterday from Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement.

Referring to the three dead defence workers and the missing researcher, he wrote: "I agree that it is odd that all were computer scientists working in the defence field, but there any relationship stops."

An inquest opens today at Basingstoke into the death of Mr Sands, aged 37.

He was working at Easams in Camberley, Surrey, on a tender for an air defence systems contract.

Two of the other scientists who, police say, committed suicide, worked for Marconi, a sister company of Easams. Mr Vimal Dajibhai, aged 24, and Mr Ashad Sharif, aged 26, both died last year in Bristol.

A friend of Mr Dajibhai, Mr Avtar Singh-Gida, aged 26, a research student, disappeared in Derbyshire last January.

The two other men named in Commons questions by MPs are Professor Keith Bowden, aged 45, a leading computer scientist who died in a car crash five years ago, and Mr Richard Pugh, aged 37, a hardware designer found dead at his Essex home in January.

Tories to privatize airwaves

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Ministers intend to introduce legislation early in the next Parliament to privatize the ownership and management of the spectrum of airwaves used for telecommunications and broadcasting.

The fundamental change in the way that frequencies are managed will create an opportunity for private companies to buy blocks of transmission capacity from the Government at wholesale prices, and sell them off for a variety of uses.

Among the business opportunities expected to become possible are new broadcasting services, perhaps including local television stations, and private telecommunications networks for corporations and organizations.

The Government is to write the legislation from a study commissioned by the Department of Trade and Industry from CSP International, the communications consultancy headed by Mr Charles Jonscher.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the minister responsible for information technology, is said by government sources to have accepted virtually all of its main proposals.

However, the legislative plan is unlikely to be included in the Conservative election manifesto.

● The largest private American frequency planning organization, Spectrum Planning Incorporated, has established a British subsidiary for the right to become a retailer of channels.

Deregulation of the Radio Spectrum in the UK, by CSP International (Stationery Office; £9.50).

Judgement delay in sterilization case

By David Sapsted

Five Law Lords reserved judgement yesterday over controversial plans for the compulsory sterilization of a 17-year-old, mentally retarded but sexually aware girl. A final decision is expected by mid-April.

The Lords, led by the Lord Chancellor Lord Hailsham, were asked yesterday to overturn earlier decisions by a High Court Family Division judge and the Appeal Court that the operation on the girl, who has a mental age of five, be permitted without her consent and before her 18th birthday next month.

Both the mother of the girl, known only as Jeanette, and Sunderland Council, which has her in care, support sterilization but the earlier rulings were challenged by the Official Solicitor, Mr David Venables, acting as her legal guardian.

Lord Hailsham said: "It is a serious thing to attempt to deprive any human being of the possibility of becoming a parent and it is, of the two sexes, the more serious if the human being happens to be female."



Lord Hailsham: Question centres on weighing risks.

During the hearing, Lord Hailsham — sitting with Lords Bridge, Brandon, Oliver and Templeman — criticized Sir Brian Rix, secretary-general of Mencap — though not by name — for saying Jeanette was being "spayed like a bitch".

Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC, for the Official Solicitor, urged the Lords to delay sterilization to give time for a "suitable regime of contraception"

She said there was no reason to try to conduct the operation before May 20, when Jeanette reaches her 18th birthday and will no longer be a ward of court.

Mr Alan Ward, QC, for the girl's mother, told the Law Lords that the paramount concern was for Jeanette's welfare. Lord Hailsham said the question centred on weighing the risks of the operation against the advantages to the girl.

"The evidence in this case is that if she were to become pregnant, the right course would be a therapeutic abortion. If she were to carry through the pregnancy to the end, she would have to have a Caesarean operation and would panic, would not know what was happening to her and would, in fact, very likely damage herself," he said.

Reserving judgement, Lord Hailsham said the Official Solicitor was correct to bring the case to the Lords and he said Sunderland Council had been "absolutely right" in everything it had done.

Soviet asylum for US soldier and his wife

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

An American soldier and his new West German wife had been granted political asylum in the Soviet Union after telling the Russian authorities that they feared persecution for their political views, the Kremlin said yesterday.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, identified the couple only as W. Roberts, a US soldier who had been serving in West Germany, and P. Neumann. He told journalists that the couple were now on honeymoon in the remote Central Asian republic of Turkmenia.

The surprise defection followed a similar move last year by two separate US citizens. One, Mr Edward Lee Howard, was claimed as the first ever Central Intelligence Agency defector. He now lives in Moscow.

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Zeebrugge experts rule out design changes

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

As the first formal hearing of the public inquiry into the Zeebrugge disaster begins in London today expert witnesses are preparing arguments to suggest that key design changes in ferries are not required.

Many will argue that stricter procedures are all that are required to prevent a repetition of the accident that claimed some 200 lives, though others will suggest that more fundamental changes are needed.

Today's hearing, under Mr Justice Sheen, will deal only with procedural and other formal matters, and it is at later sessions, beginning on April 27, that the arguments will be unfolded that costly design changes to ferries like the ill-fated Herald of Free Enterprise are unnecessary.

Construction is still going ahead on super ferries which will be much larger than the ill-fated Herald of Free Enterprise, but which are being built broadly to a similar design.

One of the most horrifying facts which Mr Justice Sheen will have in mind is that a ship whose evacuation procedures were planned to take 30 minutes should have capsized in one minute. That may well lead him to review escape procedures.

The inquiry will have to look at two broad groups of questions. The first is what steps are necessary to avoid a repetition of the circumstances in which water rushed into the car deck of the Herald. The second is whether steps can be taken to ensure that if the sea gets on to a car deck in future the result will not be the sudden catastrophe which overtook the Herald.

The basic components of the tragedy are well established. The Herald of Free Enterprise was designed to operate on the Dover-Calais route where there are ramps which enable ferries to unload vehicles from two deck levels simultaneously.

But at Zeebrugge the ramp had only one level. So that vehicles from the upper deck of the ferry could reach the ramp, water had been pumped into the forward ballast tanks to lower the bow, probably by about three feet.

As she set sail much or all of that ballast water was still in the ferry, though it was being pumped out. But in addition, for reasons which the inquiry will have to establish, the bow doors were open as the ferry left the shelter of the harbour and turned to port, reaching a speed of probably 15 knots or more to combat the fast currents which run outside Zeebrugge.

The sea was not rough and the Herald of Free Enterprise could have survived being down by the bow, or even possibly the bow doors being open. But both factors in combination made her too vulnerable to water coming in at the bow.

The precise sequence of events which led from the first splash of sea on the car deck to that moment when accumulated tons of water swilling around on the deck capsized her, can at this stage be only a matter of conjecture.

One favoured hypothesis is that the ferry had probably taken in some water as she passed from the inner harbour and approached the mouth of the outer harbour. As she turned to

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NEWS SUMMARY

Liverpool to end parking meters

Liverpool plans to become the first city in Britain to stop using parking meters. All 830 meters in the city centre are to be put out of action in an attempt to stimulate shopping. It will be illegal to park in meter bays from 8am to 11am.

The plan was unveiled by the Liberals who took control of the city council last month after 47 Labour councillors were disqualified from office. The morning parking ban is to stop office workers going to work in their cars.

The Liberals say the scheme will save the council thousands. Traffic wardens would be kept to supervise it and to help in off street car parks. The scheme depends on the party winning next month's local government elections because it will take more than two months to change traffic regulations.

Post row settled

Negotiating procedures have been agreed at Mount Pleasant sorting office in Holborn, central London, to resolve a 24-hour unofficial stoppage over staffing arrangements.

Staff were to return to work at 10pm yesterday and had agreed to clear any backlog of mail by noon on Monday. The stoppage began on Wednesday night.

A Post Office spokesman apologized for any delays.

Nuclear mission

Trade union leaders flew to the Soviet Union yesterday on a three-day trip which will include a visit to the Chernobyl power plant, the scene, a year ago, of the world's worst nuclear disaster.

The party of 20, led by Mr Norman Willis, the general secretary of the TUC, will study the country's nuclear power industry in the wake of the disaster, meet health and safety teams and speak to Soviet trade unions.

Firepower boost

The British Army boosted its conventional firepower yesterday with the successful test launch of a new rocket system and a £20 million order for battlefield radar equipment for the Royal Artillery.

The multiple launch rocket system (MLRS), which will be deployed with the 1st British Corps in West Germany by the 1990s, has a 20-mile range.

It is highly mobile and replaces the single-barrel tracked guns which have been in service for more than 20 years.

The system has been bought by Britain in collaboration with West Germany, France and Italy.

MP sits out crisis



Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, is to decide whether to bring charges against Mr Keith Best (right), Conservative MP for Ynys Mon, after papers detailing his multiple applications for British Telecom shares were forwarded by the Department of Trade.

Mr Best made clear yesterday his intention to ignore the furore that has come with the disclosure of his various applications.

Train crash inquiry

An express carrying children on a school trip ploughed into an overloaded freight train which careered across its path, a Department of Trade inquiry was told yesterday.

The front of the Sheffield to Liverpool express was thrown on its side in the accident at Chinley, Derbyshire, on February 20. Seven children were slightly injured.

Mr Geoff Snelgrove, a senior terminals and loading inspector, said the freight train was 190 tons overloaded. It therefore had insufficient brake power and should have been limited to 35mph.

An inquiry report will be published later.

£25,000 book prize

A new British literary award with a prize of £25,000 for the winning work of non-fiction was launched in London yesterday (Philip Howard writes). That makes it the most valuable native literary prize.

The sponsor is NCR Ltd, the computer and high-technology company. The suggested categories of eligible books are the arts, autobiography, biography, current affairs, history, science, sport, and travel.

The first award will be given next year for new books published between this month and the end of next March.

Redundant ship workers hope for dole pay-out

By Peter Davenport

A special team from the Department of Employment has been set up to process applications from redundant shipyard workers who believe they are entitled to millions of pounds in unpaid unemployment benefit.

Thousands of claims have swamped regional offices of the department after a ruling by the Social Security Commissioners.

They decided that a former employee of the British Shipbuilders subsidiary, Vosper Thorneycroft, in Southampton, was entitled to 13 weeks' benefit because his redundancy payment had not included money in lieu of notice.

Now thousands of other former shipyard workers, who lost their jobs in redundancy programmes by British Shipbuilders dating back to 1979, are hoping to use the ruling as a test case.

Department officials said they were expecting to receive 22,000 applications nationally, although no figure could be put on the size of the claims because of differing circumstances in each case. If all were accepted, the pay-out would run into millions of pounds.

The largest number of claims are in the north-east, where the rundown in the ship building industry has been most pronounced.

There, a team of 15 officials has been set up in a special office to handle 15,000 claims. They are currently writing to each applicant and expect to make decisions over the next few months.

A spokesman for the department said: "A decision on one claim for benefit can only be applied to other applications if the material circumstances are similar.

"It must be stressed that recent publicity may have raised false hopes in some cases and that although each case would be treated on its merits, many of those who have applied could find that no payments are due to them."

Only the North-east has set up a special office to handle the claims; the 7,000 applications expected elsewhere will be dealt with by local benefit officers.

The original case in Southampton involved a man who was made redundant after 11 years and was backed by his union, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMBATU), which took the case to the commissioners after it was initially rejected by ajudication officers and a Social Security appeals tribunal.

They regard the result as an important victory.

A spokesman for the union said that the commissioners decided that the man, made redundant in 1985, was entitled to benefit because although the company said he had received money in lieu of notice, it was exactly the same amount as paid to 790 other workers who lost their jobs at the same time.

If it had been wages in lieu of notice they would all have been entitled to different amounts and, therefore, the commissioners said, it was actually compensation for redundancy.

Civil Service unions reject pay deal and plan strike

By Roland Rudd

The two biggest Civil Service unions have rejected the Government's final pay offer in favour of selective strike action, with the possibility of an all-out strike in June.

The result, announced last night, is a blow to the Treasury. Although the Inland Revenue Staff Federation voted against action, the Government was hoping that the moderate Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) would accept its increased offer of 4.25 per cent, with added bonuses, although it was still a long way short of the union's original 15 per cent claim.

Only the left-led Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) had recommended rejection of the offer and vigorously campaigned in favour of industrial action. The CPSA made no recommendation to its members, although Mr John Ellis, general secretary, had told them that nothing more could be won without such action.

The result is a boost for Mr John Macreadie, the Militant supporter, who is standing for the influential post of deputy general secretary of the CPSA. He had conducted an energetic campaign in favour of strikes.

Speaking at a Liverpool unemployment office, which unanimously voted in favour of industrial action, Mr Macreadie said Civil Servants were no longer willing to put up with "poverty wages".

He said: "This time they are determined to have a go at the Government. Things now look really good for a fight."

Mr Terry Ainsworth, the acting deputy general secretary of the CPSA, is confident that the unions can force the Government to give in during a probable election year.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the SCPS, said: "Strike action will make the Government rethink their strategy. They cannot afford to ignore our claim."

Department of Employment and Department of Health and Social Security offices will be affected by selective strike action for the first time, which could lead to chaos in areas of high unemployment and poverty.

The unions have divided Britain into six regions. The first, Wales and the North-west, including Liverpool and Manchester, will start selective strike action for three days from next Monday, followed by two days of all-out strike action.

"You cannot draft in the Army to run the unemployment offices. The Government will be faced with a massive problem that it will be forced to address". Mr Peter Desmond-Thomas, of the CPSA, said.

If after six weeks the Government refuses to address the problem, the unions will ballot their members on an indefinite all-out strike starting in June.

The unions have established an initial strike fund of £3 million, with a further £3 million to draw on in the event of an all-out strike.

Members working in DHSS offices, who are poorly paid and subject to a growing number of assaults, particularly in inner city areas, and with an average annual staff turnover of more than 50 per cent, are among the most vocal in favour of strike action. The First Division Association (FDA), which represents senior Whitehall staff, is to tell its members that the only way to improve their pay claim is through industrial action. Miss Sue Corby, assistant general secretary, said: "Our members do not take to the barricades easily. But unfortunately the Government only listens to militants."

The Treasury slightly increased its 4.25 per cent offer by increasing the performance points of assistant secretary and by increasing the special allowance for government lawyers living in London by up to £2,000. The scale for fast-stream graduate entrance was increased

However, the national executive of the FDA rejected the offer for failing to keep pace with the going rate for managers in the private sector.



Mr Palmer and his wife Marnie relaxing at home yesterday before meeting the press.

Jeweller faces lost gold writ

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mr John Palmer, acquitted of handling gold from the £26 million Brink's Mat robbery, is among 50 defendants, including precious metal dealers and banks, facing High Court actions to trace proceeds of the robbery.

The first writ was issued last July. Similar actions are also being pursued through the courts in a number of foreign countries.

Yesterday a spokesman for the loss adjusters who started one of the actions in the name of Brink's Mat, said they would continue their claim against Mr Palmer.

During a press conference yesterday Mr Palmer also admitted difficulties with the Inland Revenue and there were reports that his time-share company in Tenerife could be facing problems.

Mr Palmer said he did not accept gold he had been asked to melt down was from Brink's Mat. He had made no profit and said: "I am under no obligation to pay a penny".

The decision to continue the High Court action was spelt out yesterday by Mr Peter Stegar, for the firm of Robert Bishop. He said: "We are always working on new angles and there is information coming in". That would be passed to solicitors.

Free needle schemes set up

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government has named 12 trial free needle exchange schemes to help to prevent the spread of Aids among drug addicts.

Five of the schemes are already operating and the rest are expected to start this month or early in May.

The schemes are expected to cost a total of £250,000 which will be funded directly by the Department of Health and Social Security. The money will also cover the cost of a monitoring exercise.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in a written parliamentary answer last night that the pilot schemes would involve the counselling of drug misusers and the exchange of clean for used syringes and needles.

Three of the schemes will be in London hospitals, at St George's, Tooting, south London; St Mary's, Paddington, and University College Hospital, central London. Other projects will be set up in Bristol, Carlisle, Dagenham, Hereford, Kingston-upon-Thames, Liverpool, Peterborough, Portsmouth and Sheffield.

Mr Fowler confirmed that the dangers of injecting drugs would be highlighted in the next phase of the Government's Aids and drugs publicity campaigns.

Most of the schemes are to be set up in existing drug projects and advice centres.

The five schemes already operating are based at Kingston-upon-Thames, Liverpool, Peterborough, Sheffield and University College Hospital.

● Britain and the Soviet Union are to co-operate in tackling the growing drugs menace, after talks between Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and his counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, during Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow (Our Political Editor writes).

Technical experts on both sides are to consider measures to stop the worldwide spread

There is no big drugs problem in the Soviet Union, but it has begun to encounter drug-taking among soldiers returning from Afghanistan.

Crime cut by rise in watch schemes

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A boost to the Government's crime prevention drive, with a large increase in neighbourhood watch schemes, was disclosed yesterday.

England and Wales now have 28,500 such schemes, compared with 17,400 in October, and 6,000 of them are in London. The total is three times what it was a year ago, Mr Douglas Hogg, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, told the Commons yesterday.

He said that where police forces have been able to isolate crime figures for areas covered by individual schemes, results show that well run ones can reduce the level of offences locally.

Ministers are particularly pleased that numbers of schemes in Greater Manchester have trebled, despite the Labour-controlled city council being hostile to the idea. The concept appeals to Conservatives as being in tune with the ideal of self-reliance, but opponents believe it to be a form of snooping.

There are now 3,000 schemes in Greater Manchester: 3,500 in Cheshire, which was one of the pioneers of neighbourhood watch in Britain and which gained 1,000 in the past six months; and 3,000 in Merseyside, which doubled in number, as did Northumbria's to 1,000.

The most spectacular rises have been in North Yorkshire, from 15 to 540, according to official figures, and West Mercia, from 150 to 870.

The figures will be an added encouragement to insurance companies to take into account crime prevention in their premiums. A new home contents and buildings policy launched a year ago by Royal Insurance, claimed to be the first of its kind, has done better than forecast, a spokesman said.

There was a discount for certain types of burglar alarms and a 5 per cent discount from the contents premium for customers who were members of neighbourhood watch schemes recognized by the police.

The move came after government requests to the insurance industry to do what it could to encourage people to protect their homes.

"It seemed to us to be reasonable to expect the incidence of theft to be better in an area where a neighbourhood watch scheme was operating than others".

Home Office figures yesterday showed that Washington New Town, where burglary had been rising, had a 29 per cent drop between July and September 1985 and an 83 per cent fall in the same period of 1986.

In Werrington, Stoke-on-Trent, there were 54 burglaries in 1985 during a two-week period on one large estate. After a watch was set up in 1986 there were only three break-ins in the same two weeks.

A recent evaluation at Kingsdown, Bristol, showed that burglaries, theft of and from motor vehicles and theft of cycles were still 4 per cent below the figures of three years ago when neighbourhood watch was started.

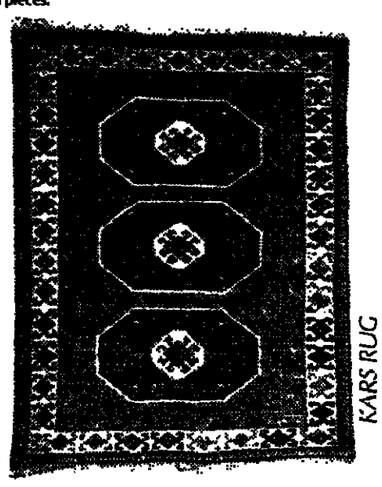
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Car forum 'left-wing front'

By Craig Seton

A ceremony to mark the production of the last of Jaguar's famous Series 3 XJ6 car was abandoned yesterday after more than 30 assembly workers went on strike.

Although the men later returned to work at the Browns Lane factory, Coventry, it was too late for them to complete the unfinished vehicle in time.

The men walked out in a dispute over the re-allocation of duties. Nearly 300,000 XJ6 Jaguars have been produced in the past 20 years.

A campaign calling for the expansion of the car industry in the West Midlands is being boycotted by some trade unionists after claims that it is a front for communist and hard-left activists.

Shop stewards from the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEU) have been ordered to avoid contact with the newly-formed West Midlands Auto Industry Forum, which is backed by prominent regional members of the Labour Party.

The forum is being launched at a conference in Birmingham next Friday when Mr John Smith, the Labour trade and industry spokesman, is due to speak.

A trade union source said yesterday that moderate trade unionists would refuse to attend because the forum was a "front" for left-wing car industry activists intent on a disruptive rather than a realistic approach to the industry's future.

"The initiative for it came from people whose politics we would not espouse.

"We cannot understand why communists are concerned with an organization which is said to be trying to improve the electoral chances of the Labour Party", he said.

Mr Bill Jordan, the moderate president of the AEU, Mr Mick Murphy, national automotive secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr Jim Hunt, the union's West Midlands secretary, will not attend the meeting.

However, Mr Bill Morris, the union's deputy general secretary, is due to be present.

The auto industry forum has been formed by trade unionists, local councils, the West Midlands Enterprise Board and the regional TUC to launch a five-point programme for the rejuvenation of the declining motor industry in the region.

Mr Phil Beyer, trade union liaison officer with the Enterprise Board, said yesterday: "There are no grounds for these allegations. There has been a very unfortunate misunderstanding about who is involved in the forum."

Unions in clash over poaching of members

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The recruitment war between Britain's leading trade unions has intensified after an appeal by Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, for greater aggression in winning members.

The current AEU journal points to the white collar unions ASTMS and TASS, which are planning to merge and expand, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union and the National Union of Public Employees as targets for criticism.

An AEU divisional official who complained of member poaching between unions is quoted by Mr Laird: "Perhaps it is time we stopped letting the other unions poach on our patch. It may even be time that we started to do to them what they do to us."

Mr Laird accused some unions of taking anyone who wanted to join.

AEU membership is restricted to certain occupational grades.

Membership dropped last year by 12 per cent.

In future AEU policy will be to extend its membership in industries such as electricity supply, chemicals and textiles where the union already represents some of the workers.

The TUC is keeping its distance from the impending storm over recruitment which has been intensified by a sharp drop in the number of trade unionists as manufacturing industry contracted.

Competition between unions is regulated by the "Bridlington principles" which set the ground rules for recruiting new members. The AEU said yesterday it intended to abide by those rules.

Stable lad stabbed at Aintree

By Ian Smith

A former jockey was recovering in hospital last night after being stabbed as he left Aintree racecourse where he had supervised preparations for the arrival of two Grand National runners.

Mr Mark Palmer, aged 26, a stable lad for Mr Josh Gifford, the trainer, was stabbed four times in the head and body, seconds after two men walked up to ask for a light and change for a £10 note.

His condition yesterday was described as fairly comfortable.

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Arms dealer challenges secrets Act

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

An arms dealer who supplies spare parts for military vehicles to the Third World will today bring what is believed to be the first appeal against conviction under the discredited section two of the Official Secrets Act, 1911.

In a hearing before the Court of Appeal's criminal division, Peter Anthony Galvin, aged 46, will challenge his conviction at Warwick Crown Court last June on two charges under the Act for which he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

His conviction came after magistrates had thrown out the charges at the committal proceedings, and the prosecution took the unusual step of applying for Galvin's committal before a High Court judge by means of a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Galvin was charged over his supply to the Argentines of a Ministry of Defence manual, to accompany a stock of spare parts for the Rolls-Royce Olympus aero-engine that he had acquired.

The spare parts were formerly owned by the ministry which originally paid £20 million for them, but they were sold to the scrap dealers, Taylors Surplus Stores, of Stafford, for £38,000.

Galvin, of Luton, Bedfordshire, heard about the stock at the same time as the Argentines were making inquiries through the secondary arms dealing fraternity and negotiated to purchase the lot.

But faced with identifying the specific items wanted by the Argentines from the mass of the material which took more than 40 lorry loads to move, he set about getting hold of the official manual for the Olympus engine.

That was obtained, through intermediaries, from an RAF serviceman working at the ministry. He copied it and returned it to the ministry library.

In December 1985 he was charged under the Official Secrets Act over the receipt of the manual, on the basis it was supplied in breach of the Act: and of conspiring to use the information in it for the benefit of the Argentine Navy.

His solicitor, Mr Brian Raymond, of the London firm of Bindmans, argued at the committal proceedings that the information was therefore neither "official" nor "secret".

The magistrates threw out the Official Secrets charges. But the prosecution, Mr Raymond says, then took "the highly unusual course" of circumventing the magistrates' decision by applying for a Voluntary Bill of Indictment before a High Court judge.

Galvin, who is still serving a two-year sentence imposed for an offence of bribery over obtaining the manual, is appealing against the official secrets conviction on the basis that the charges should have been thrown out.

Trio admit wrecking war graves

Three youths who were heard laughing as they vandalized more than 60 war graves after a drinking session at a night-club, Stafford Crown Court was told yesterday (Craig Seton writes).

Robert Anderson, aged 18, Stephen Bee, aged 21, and Richard Hodgkins, aged 17, all of Stafford, uprooted and smashed almost all of the headstones on the 67 graves of British, German, and Polish servicemen from the Second World War in the Eccleshall Road cemetry in Stafford in January.

They were seen by two teenage sisters who alerted the police. All three admitted criminal damage and were each sentenced to 12 months in youth custody.

Judge Farrer, QC, said their actions were "outrageous in the eyes of the public".

Alcohol abuse tied to infertility and irreversible damage

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Heavy drinking can cause severe sexual problems in men and women, resulting in infertility and irreversible damage to reproductive organs, the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday.

In its first report on alcohol misuse the college says that drinking more than five pints a day for men and half that amount for women can result in striking physical changes where men take on female characteristics and women becoming defeminized.

The report also warns drinkers of the risks of liver disease, strokes, high blood pressure, heart disease and brain disease associated with drinking more than 10 pints a week for men and seven pints, or 14 glasses of wine for women.

One in five male hospital admissions and 25,000 premature deaths a year, between the ages of 36 and 65, are associated with alcohol abuse, it says.

"People tend to think of alcohol as only damaging the liver", Sir Raymond Hoffenburg, president of the college, said.

"In our report we try to draw attention to the fact that there is not a single system of the body that is immune to the effects of alcohol."

Alcohol abuse was much more common that generally believed, Sir Raymond said. "It is not confined to the derelict on the park bench. It is a common disorder in our community and affects all ranges of society."

Two other reports on alcohol had been produced in the past year from the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of General Practitioners, Sir Raymond said.

"We all feel that alcohol abuse has grown to such an extent that something must be done to stop the damage that is being caused by it."

The report puts forward a number of recommendations for the public, doctors and the Government.

Men should drink less than 21 units a week and women less than 14 units a week, including two or three days without alcohol. One unit is equal to half a pint of beer, a single spirit measure or a glass of wine.

The college estimates that one in six men and one in 10 women drink more than the weekly levels of 21 units and 14 units recommended in the report. About 11 per cent of men and 6 per cent of women drink more than 10 units a day.

The report calls on doctors to improve early detection of alcohol abuse by taking careful drinking histories of patients attending clinics.

It also recommends the setting up of a single government body to co-ordinate all aspects of alcohol use and abuse.

The report says that persistent heavy drinking in men can have a damaging effect on the body's hormonal functions and result in shrinking genitalia, a drop in sperm formation, loss of body hair and enlarged breasts.

Women drinking two and a half pints or five glasses of wine a day over a period of three to five years may also experience shrinking ovaries, breasts and external genitalia and the body fat redistributes into male proportions. They typically complain of sexual difficulties and can experience an early menopause.

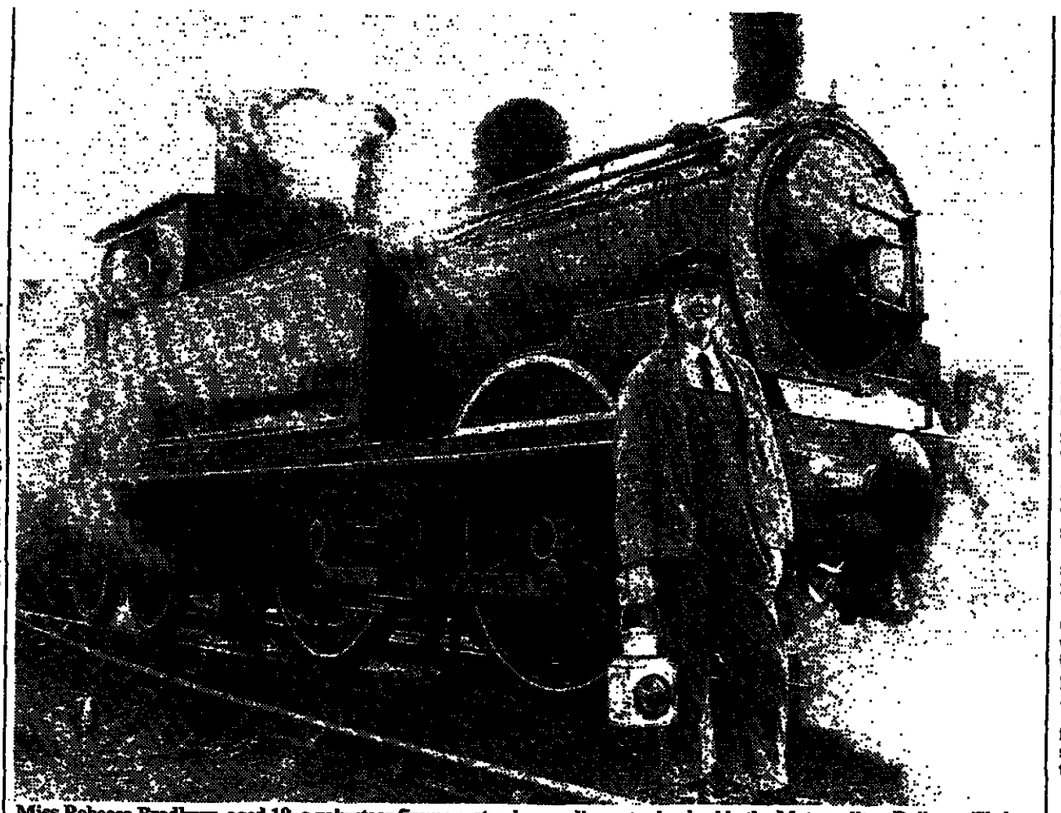
"Women can age prematurely and show thinning or loss of hair, brittling nails and wrinkling skin. They look 10 years older than their chronological age", Dr Marsha Morgan, a member of the report's working party, said.

Impotence will improve in 25-50 per cent of male alcohol abusers if they subsequently stop drinking and studies have shown that normal sperm counts can be achieved within six to eight weeks, although no information is available for women.

However, a recent study undertaken by Dr Morgan, a consultant physician at the Royal Free Hospital, London, shows that even moderate drinkers risk infertility problems.

Of 67 men attending a male infertility clinic, 39 per cent were found to have alcohol-related low sperm counts after other causes were eliminated.

A Great and Growing Evil: The Medical Consequences of Alcohol Abuse (Royal College of Physicians, Tavistock Publications, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4; £6.95 (paperback) or £17).



Miss Rebecca Bradbury, aged 19, a volunteer fireman, stands proudly yesterday beside the Metropolitan Railway 'E' class locomotive, Number One. The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, at Quainton, near Aylesbury, has won a Steam Heritage award for its restoration of the 1898 engine, which took 10 years and cost £15,000 (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Portfolio Gold

Win is a nest egg for future

Two readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Eleanor Shaw, of Broadheath Common, Worcester, said it was the most "marvellous win" considering she had only played the competition for one month.

Although Mrs Shaw had the Portfolio cards for years, it was only quite by chance that she decided to use them.

"I am delighted because it's a very good nest egg for the future", she said.

Mr Alan Murray, aged 73, of Chislehurst, Kent, said it was wonderful news to win as it gave him the chance to take part in a tennis tournament in Austria.

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Stolen pictures go under the hammer

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The boom in art thefts is dramatically shown this week by stolen pictures for sale at Sotheby's and a break-in at the parish church of Perlethorpe in Nottinghamshire in which a painting by the eighteenth century president of the Royal Academy, Benjamin West, was ripped from its frame.

Two tiny but jewel-like sixteenth century panel paintings by Bernaert van Orley will be sold at Sotheby's on Wednesday although they were stolen from a Scottish home in 1982.

They depict "The Conversion of St Paul" and "St Catherine Triumphing over the Emperor Maximin", measure 7in by 4½in and are estimated to fetch £30,000-£40,000. They were insured for roughly one tenth of that, little more than their Scottish owner had paid for them in the 1950s.

He has received, on top of the insurance, a small compensatory payment for accepting that he no longer has any right of ownership in the pictures. It hardly does more than cover the legal expenses of his attempt to recover them, he says.

That extraordinary situation has arisen because of a fundamental difference between continental European and British law. Continental law is designed to protect the innocent purchaser of stolen goods, British law to protect the victim of a theft. The need for harmonization seems to be urgent.

The two Orley paintings were stolen in September 1982. No more was heard of them until April 1984 when they were illustrated in the catalogue of a Sotheby's Old Master sale. The owner contacted Sotheby's who duly withdrew them from sale pending a resolution of the ownership issue.

They had been sent to Sotheby's by Mr Klaus Edel, of Cologne, who bought them in a Neumeister auction in Munich in December 1983.

Under German law a public auction washes out the title of a former owner to stolen goods; he is considered to have been given an opportunity to identify and reclaim the goods and the auction purchaser becomes their legal owner.

The Munich sale thus effectively removed the Scottish owner's title to the pictures. A legal battle could have been mounted but the chances of winning were slim and he has chosen to accept compensation and cede his right of ownership. Hence Sotheby's is going ahead with the sale.

"It is not a moral issue, but a legal one", Mr Joseph Och, Sotheby's lawyer, says. He emphasizes that stolen art is given a low priority by the police. There is no centralized computer record of thefts and, since the art and antiques squad was closed down three years ago, there are no specialist officers to investigate thefts. He suggests that it is a problem which should be tackled at EEC level.

Lot one in Sotheby's sale is also a stolen picture, a gold ground "St John the Baptist" attributed to the Master of Osservanza (1406-1481) and estimated to fetch £20,000-£30,000.

Sotheby's was contacted by Interpol on March 27 and it has been withdrawn from the sale pending a legal decision as to who owns it.

That painting was stolen from the collection of Frederick Mason Perkins at Lastra a Signa, near Florence, during the Second World War when his villa was sacked by a band of armed fascists.

He left his distinguished collection to the convent of St Francis in Assissi which may, or may not, turn out to be the legal owner of the picture.

The Benjamin West, "St Peter Denying Christ", was stolen from Perlethorpe church early on Monday by thieves who had climbed through the vestry window.

West painted the picture for Lord Newark, later the first Earl Manvers, who gave it to Thiresby church from which it passed to Perlethorpe. The Queen owns a smaller version of the picture.

A Murillo style "St. Agnes", on loan from thesixth earl's daughter, was also stolen from the church. The theft was discovered by Canon Robert Baily when he entered the church on Monday.

Boxing pair win apology on Hope claim

Mr Terry Lawless, the boxing manager, and Mr Micky Duff, the promoter, won a public apology yesterday over allegations that Maurice Hope was allowed to defend his world light middleweight title when he was medically unfit.

An article in the *New Statesman* after the May 1981 contest alleged that a surgeon was persuaded to change his opinion that Hope, who went on to lose his title, should not fight.

Wapping man bound over

No evidence was offered against an unemployed printer, charged with obstruction outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, who appeared before Thames magistrates yesterday.

George Cecil, aged 47, of Albemarle Road, Beckenham, Kent, denied the charge, allegedly committed on December 27 last year. He was bound over for 12 months to keep the peace in the sum of £50.

'Murder weapon' given to police

A detective who posed as a refuse collector yesterday told Bristol Crown Court how a woman teacher accused of murdering a mother and her baby handed him the murder weapon.

The jury had been told earlier that the Mrs Heather Arnold, aged 50, of Orchard Road, Westbury, Wiltshire, allegedly used a hand axe to kill Mrs Jeanne Sutcliffe, and her baby daughter, Heidi. A pathologist told the court that he found 13 injuries in Mrs Sutcliffe's head.

A week after the murders, when four detectives worked under cover with council refuse collection teams, Mrs Arnold, a divorcee, walked out of her home holding a white carrier bag.

Detective Constable Bob Richards told the jury that he said to Mrs Arnold: "All right love, I'll take that. It will save your legs."

The detective said the bag contained old newspapers along with three charred pieces of wood.

Mr David Elfer, QC, for the prosecution, said the charred remains were the handle of the axe used in the killings.

PC Richard Dibben had earlier described the scene at the Sutcliffe's home in The Butts, Westbury.

He told the court that the body of Mrs Sutcliffe, aged 39, had been laid out and a tea towel covered the cut throat of her daughter, aged eight months.

Their bodies were found by Mrs Sutcliffe's husband, Paul, in the sewing room of their home on April 30 last year when he returned from teaching at Kingdown School, Warminster, Wiltshire, where Mrs Arnold also worked.

Mr Elfer has said the killer probably went to the Sutcliffes' home on the pretext of wanting to buy some cotton, as Mrs Sutcliffe ran a small dressmaking business.

As Mrs Sutcliffe bent over she was hit three times from behind with a small axe, he said.

Dr Bill Kennard, a Home Office pathologist, said he found 13 injuries on Mrs Sutcliffe's head and face, all of which had been caused by a blunt instrument.

Dr Kennard said the position of blood spots found on furniture in the sewing room suggested the weapon was waved around the room by someone kneeling on the floor.

Mrs Sutcliffe's skull was extensively fractured and pushed into the brain. A cut to her throat went right back to the spinal cord.

He produced a small axe and said it could have been the murder weapon.

Dr Kennard said the cause of death was haemorrhage due to a cut throat.

Mrs Sutcliffe's oldest daughter, Linda, aged 16, said in a statement that she arrived home from school on April 30, 1986, with her father, brother, and sister.

She shouted to let her mother know they were home.

"There was no reply so I went into the sitting room where I saw my mother and Heidi on the floor."

The trial continues today.

Race bias at drinks company

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A black man has proved a case of racial discrimination against C C Soft Drinks Ltd, a former subsidiary of Coca-Cola, the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) announced yesterday.

Mr Leonard Lewis, of Finchley, told an industrial tribunal that he was treated less favourably than white colleagues when it came to opportunities for promotion and training, the CRE said.

Mr Lewis worked as a maintenance fitter at the company's bottling plant in Edmonton, north London, until April 1986 when his department was reorganized. He was made redundant even though he was the second longest serving member of staff and the highest qualified.

Mr Lewis told the London Central Tribunal that he had been racially abused by his colleagues. The tribunal upheld his claim of discrimination against C C Soft Drinks by a majority decision. The award has yet to be assessed.

Mr Don Calvert, principal complaints officer for the CRE, which supported Mr Lewis's case, said: "We are shocked at this incident".

Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages Ltd now operate the plant. C C Soft Drinks was absorbed into the operation. Mr Ian Muir, external affairs manager, Coca-Cola Great Britain Ltd, said he was unable to comment.

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Architect wins damages over farm article

Mr Jonathan Ball, a past vice-president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, accepted "substantial" undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday for a false suggestion in a magazine article that he had connived at, or condoned, the demolition of a listed farm building.

Miss Elizabeth Hartley, solicitor for Mr Ball, told Mr Justice Drake that an article published in the *Architects' Journal* on January 30, 1985, had suggested he was "unscrupulous and hypocritical" on matters of conservation.

Miss Caroline Kean, solicitor for Mr Peter Carolin and The Architectural Press Ltd, editor and publishers of the journal, said they recognized that what was published had been unfounded.

'Drunken scrawl' of murder charge soldier

A soldier wrote in his diary that a murdered businessman, Mr Michael Joannou, got "all he deserved", a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, for the defence, described it as "the drunken scrawl" of Jack Walton before his arrest, charged with Mr Joannou's murder.

Walton, a lance-corporal in the Life Guards who was the lover of Mr Joannou's wife, Marion, is alleged to have kept a diary after the death of the wealthy publican.

The jury was told that Lance-Corporal Walton wrote in his diary: "He got all he deserved. How dare he smile at me and call me 'mate'.

"It is his own fault for making mine and his wife's life a misery."

A bag containing blood-stained jeans, a photograph of Mrs Joannou and a copy of a newspaper with front-page headlines about Mr Joannou's death were also discovered by police, the court was told.

Mr Joannou's body was found by his daughter in the front garden of his home in Camm Gardens, Thames Ditton, Surrey, a year ago.

Lance-Corporal Walton, aged 28, denies murdering Mr Joannou, aged 41, on April 1 last year.

Mrs Joannou, aged 35, denies giving police false information about her husband's killing and impeding Lance-Corporal Walton's arrest.

The trial continues.

Woman 'set afire on bed'

Vincent Lee had sexual intercourse with his lover's mother and then burnt her alive after she threatened to tell her daughter what had happened. Swansea Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Lee, aged 24, battered Mrs Annie Worrel unconscious and then set her on fire, Mr Vernon Pugh, QC, for the prosecution, said.

The jury was told that Mrs Worrel, aged 43, a divorcee and mother of two, screamed as she woke to find her face and upper body ablaze.

Mr Lee then threw a blanket over her face and forced her back on to the bed where she died. Afterwards Mr Lee went home and slept with Miss Mandy Worrel, aged 19, the court was told.

Mr Pugh said Mrs Worrel's "horrific" death happened after she and Mr Lee met after separate drinking sprees in June last year. They went to Mrs Worrel's home and had sexual intercourse.

But the couple began quarrelling. "Mrs Worrel told him she was going to tell Mandy, her daughter, about what had happened", Mr Pugh said.

"He attacked her and beat her about the face. She was struck on the nose with such force that her nose was fractured."

He said Mr Lee then took a box of matches and set light to the bed where Mrs Worrel lay unconscious.

Mrs Worrel's body was recovered from her home in Fourth Avenue, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr Lee, who lives with Miss Worrel and their daughter aged two at Birchgrove, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil, denies murder and arson.

The case continues today.

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Labour law-and-order onslaught on Hurd

The crime figures were alarming and proved that the Government did not have answers to law-and-order problems, *Mr Alan Beith* (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said during Commons questions when *Mr Douglas Hurd*, Home Secretary, emphasized that crime prevention was an essential element in its strategy and said that the Government planned to intensify its effort against crime.

Mr Hurd told Mr Beith that there were 10,600 more policemen in England and Wales than in 1979 and more than 5,000 extra non-police staff working with the police.

As part of the phased further expansion of the police he was examining applications from authorities. They would granted where it was clear that there were jobs that could be done only by uniformed policemen. There was scope for more use of special constables in connection with neighbourhood watch schemes and he was encouraging good practice in this.

Mr Hurd said later that it was not surprising that car crime was "just about the fastest growing offence if one in five people left cars unlocked".

Resources for law and order had increased sharply if one started from the admittedly lamentable situation under Labour. This year, or next year, the Government would be spending 50 per cent more in real terms on the police, including getting more police up to the sharp end, than in 1979.

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) asked if the Home Secretary was attracted by the idea of more political control of the police, as had been proposed by the Liberal Party?

Mr Hurd said he had been having an opaque correspondance on the matter with Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP, who was "rowing back" rather fast from this hare-brained scheme.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that any correspondence the Home Secretary had been having with Mrs Williams was the bland leading the bland.

Mr Hurd had announced a new doctrine, that crime was the fault of the victim. Since there had been 25 million crime victims since the Government took office, and in the 40 minutes of question time there would have been 330 crimes, including 10 cases of violence against the person, 10 cases of fraud, 46 cases of criminal damage, 70 burglaries and 167 thefts, when was the Home Secretary going to stop waffling about crime and at last try to reduce it to the level when Labour left office in 1979?

Mr Hurd said that what Mr Kaufman was proposing, although he had not yet said so in the House, was to reduce the prison population by 20,000 over a single Parliament.

"He can only do this by writing a burglars' charter. There are 10,100 burglars in prison, of whom 3,000 have 11 or more convictions. He will not reach the figures he is proposing for the prison population unless he prevents the courts sending burglars to prison."

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said that in his constituency burglaries had declined by 2.2 per cent, although crime had increased by 0.3 per cent this year.

Mr Hurd said that Harlow was not alone. In Wandsworth, for instance, residential burglaries had fallen by 600 last year, which was probably something to do with the fact that neighbourhood watch schemes had increased from 375 to 558.

No 10 gets a Tokyo letter

Mrs Thatcher has just received a reply to her letter of March 4 to her Japanese opposite number, she told the Commons during Prime Minister's questions. The fact that no reply had been forthcoming from Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone was the cause of some anger and amusement, respectively, on Conservative and Opposition benches last week.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C) had observed that she had had forthright talks in Moscow and asked her to have similar talks with Tokyo (laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: We have embarked on forthright discussions with Tokyo and just before I came in I received a reply from Mr Nakasone saying that our complaint had been considered. We are laying an order today under the Financial Services Act [this is to bring into effect certain sections of the Act, which could be used in connection with Japanese trade].

Cold weather payments

The cost of advertising the scheme for exceptionally cold weather payments in January was about £670,000, Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, said in a written reply. Additional manpower in the form of 300 overtime man-years had been allocated to local offices to help to process the claims, at a cost of about £4 million.

Ethnic police

The number of police officers recruited from ethnic minorities was 933 at the end of January this year, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written reply. This compared with 268 at the end of 1979.

Thatcher gives a hopeful report on Soviet visit

PRIME MINISTER

In her statement on her visit to the Soviet Union, Mrs Thatcher said: I was able to carry out a very full and interesting programme arranged by the Soviet authorities, for whose hospitality and welcome I am grateful.

The most important aspect of my visit was of course the very extensive talks which I had with General Secretary Gorbachov.

These covered the following subjects:

- First, the prospects for agreements on reductions in nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons;
- Second, the fundamental differences between our two political systems and their wider consequences;
- Third, Mr Gorbachov's programme of restructuring of Soviet society and the Soviet economy;
- Fourth international regional problems and;
- Finally, human rights.

In our talks on arms control we agreed that priority should be given to an agreement on intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF), with strict verification, with constraints on shorter-range systems and with immediate follow-on negotiations to deal more fully with shorter-range systems.

We did not reach agreement on Nato's belief that the West should have to match Soviet shorter-range systems.

I should add that I made clear to Mr Gorbachov that the United Kingdom would not be prepared to accept the "denuclearization" of Europe, which would leave us dangerously exposed to Soviet superiority in conventional and other forces.

We also agreed:

- That priority should be given to negotiating a ban on all chemical weapons. The United Kingdom has made important proposals on this in Geneva and Mr Gorbachov indicated that the Soviet Union could broadly accept our approach;
- That there should be early negotiations on reductions in conventional forces. As the House knows, the Soviet Union has substantial preponderance in these forces.

I expressed our support for a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons. Mr Gorbachov made clear the Soviet view that this matter was linked to agreement on SDI.

I made proposals for achieving greater predictability in this field, which Mr Gorbachov will consider. Deployment of an advanced strategic defence system would of course be a matter for negotiation.

I do not underestimate the differences which remain between us on these matters. But it was none the less clear from our talks that we do agree that progress on arms control requires a step-by-step approach with clearly identified priorities, and that we are largely in agreement on what those priorities shall be.

This is a useful and positive step. I am hopeful that a satisfactory agreement can be reached on INF by the end of this year.

In our discussion of regional problems I explained to Mr Gorbachov the reasons for Western apprehensions about Soviet policies and intentions.

I said that the United Kingdom could support the creation of a neutral, non-aligned Afghanistan and had indeed presented proposals for this as long ago as 1980.

But this could not be achieved until the Soviet occupation was ended and elections held.

On human rights problems, I welcomed the steps which had already been taken, while expressing the hope that more prisoners of conscience and dissidents would be released and Jews allowed to leave the country should they wish to do so.

I emphasized that we were not interfering in the Soviet Union's internal affairs: the Soviet Government had accepted the commitments in the Helsinki Final Act on the freer movement of people and ideas and we were asking that these be observed.

Mr Gorbachov said that the Soviet Government considered all humanitarian cases very carefully and would continue to deal with them attentively, with positive results where possible.

I told Mr Gorbachov of our welcome for his policies of openness, restructuring and democratization. We wish him all success in his endeavours. They point the way to the greater trust and confidence which will be needed if we are to reach agreement on arms control and other areas.

My talks with Prime Minister Ryzhkov concentrated on bilateral matters, particularly trade. On this we agreed to work together to achieve by 1990 a volume of £2.5 billion in our bilateral trade.

During my visit contracts and letters of intent were signed or initialled amounting to nearly £400 million. So we have made a good start towards the target which we have set ourselves.

The Foreign Secretary held extensive and very useful talks on a wide range of international regional problems with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Shevardnadze, including in particular the Middle East and Iran-Iraq.

They also signed three intergovernmental agreements and a memorandum of understanding on space co-operation and on information and culture.

This will encourage contacts and exchanges, in particular giving an opportunity for schoolchildren to visit Soviet families in their homes. It also provides for free and normal reception of radio broadcasts. We welcome the end of jamming of BBC broadcasts, the improvement and upgrading of the United Kingdom-Soviet Union hot line, and on sites for new embassies in Moscow and London.

In addition to my talks, I visited the ancient monastery and church of Zagorsk, and took part in a service there as a visible demonstration of support for those who continue to maintain their tradition of faith and worship.

I toured a new housing development on the outskirts of Moscow and gave an interview on Soviet television in which I was able freely to set out Western policies and concerns and which was broadcast in full. And I paid a most enjoyable and interesting visit to the Soviet Republic of Georgia.

Wherever I went I was struck by the spontaneous warmth and friendliness of my reception by the people of the Soviet Union. I believe that this augurs well for our future relations.

Outside my official programme I had meetings with a delegation from the Soviet Committee for the Defence of Peace; a group of writers, artists and intellectuals; Dr Sakharov and Mrs Bonner, with whom I had a most interesting exchange on arms control and developments within the Soviet Union; and group of Jewish refuseniks.

In the course of this I was able to present to Mr Josif Begun the award of the All-Party Committee on Soviet Jewry.

My visit took place at a most interesting and crucial moment in the development of the Soviet Union. I firmly believe that it is in our interest to welcome and encourage the course on which Mr Gorbachov has embarked. Our political systems will remain very different, but Mr Gorbachov and I were able to discuss these differences frankly in a spirit of friendship.



Mrs Thatcher on her return: Expecting a satisfactory agreement with Mr Gorbachov.

Kinnock attack on tax burden

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock, in their first Commons encounter since both returned from their foreign visits, clashed over the tax burden resting on families with earnings below, at and above the average.

Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked: Has her attention been drawn to figures from the Treasury last week which show that the direct tax burden on those of half average, average, and one-and-a-half times average, incomes has increased significantly, and in some cases savagely, under her Government.

Can she tell us, is that what she wanted eight years ago this month when she promised that under her Government, taxes would and must be cut?

Mrs Thatcher: I am delighted that the Labour Party is now so concerned about reducing taxes.

The real net take-home pay for the married man on average earnings has risen by 21 per cent since 1978-79.

Mr Kinnock: She is in some danger of misleading the country with those figures. (Conservative laughter). In her comparisons with the Labour Government, is she aware that the rise in the burden under Government has been twice as big as it was under Labour.

Mrs Thatcher: Average earnings have gone up enormously, with net take-home pay (Labour shouts of "Taxes"). Let us talk about taxes. There was something called the national insurance surcharge, which they shoved on jobs. We took it off.

If we had the Labour income tax and national insurance regime as it was, a married man on average earnings with two children would pay £4.85p a week more on income tax and national insurance.

Anti-crime crusade called for

A national crusade against crime engaging every part of the community with neighbourhood watch schemes having an important part to play was advocated by Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) during questions in the Commons when he pointed out that 96 per cent of all recorded crime was against property.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said that there were now 28,500 neighbourhood watch schemes in the country and they had trebled over the past year.

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab), a Labour spokesman on Home Affairs, said there was one reported burglary every 34 seconds.

Mr Hogg replied that in 1986 the number of offences of residential burglary cleared up rose by 5 per cent.

Mr James Hill (Southamptpn Test, C) was concerned about the problem of bogus officials who called on pensioners, ransacked their houses and stole their life savings.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab), a Labour Home Affairs spokesman, said that he accepted the role of neighbourhood watch scheme, but they represented the totality of the Government's policy on crime prevention. He referred to a document which dealt with how to make neighbourhoods safe, how to provide crime prevention grants for owner-occupiers and tenants and help victims, and that would be the policy of the next Labour Government.

Mr Hogg retorted that the Government was spending £50 million or more on crime prevention very much on the lines that Mr Dubs suggested.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the growing social and economic inequalities in Britain.

Tuesday: Debate on foreign affairs.

Wednesday: Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: Debtors (Scotland) Bill and Pilotage Bill, remaining stages.

Friday: Easter adjournment debates.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Banking Bill, report stage. Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, committee, fourth day.

Wednesday: Debate on the need to create a sense of unity among the British people. Debate on the Lebanon and the Israeli-occupied areas.

Thursday: Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, committee, fifth day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Obscene Publications Bill and Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications Bill, second readings.

Opposition sally draws Tory protests

Prime Minister's mind 'broadened by travel'

Conservatives protested and Labour MPs cheered when, after Mrs Thatcher's statement, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, began by expressing pleasure "at the way either chemistry or travel has succeeded in broadening the Prime Minister's mind so far as the Soviet Union is concerned."

Was the agreement on joint space research the same as that signed and published in October last year? Could the Prime Minister confirm that most of the companies involved in cultural exchanges had already made their own arrangements without any Government interest?

On trade, the bilateral trade agreements made in Moscow were welcome and necessary, especially as the trade balance with the Soviet Union had moved from a 6 per cent surplus in 1979-80 to a deficit of 24 per cent.

On the anti-missile systems, did the Prime Minister have American agreement for the proposals for research timetables within the narrow interpretation of the 1972 ABM Treaty?

President Reagan wanted elimination of all nuclear weapons because they were uncivilized and immoral. Mr Gorbachov expressed exactly the same view. So did the Prime Minister still maintain her belief that a world without nuclear weapons would be less stable and more dangerous "despite the convictions of both our ally and her new friend?"

The statement about Mr Gorbachov's agreement on human rights, to give case-by-case consideration to these issues: to say this was better than would have been got two years ago was in some danger of being misleading. Well over two years ago he, and he assumed others, had received precisely those undertakings in precisely those words from Mr Gorbachov and many had been honoured.

What progress could Mrs Thatcher expect in restoring movement in the Helsinki Accords to at least the level of the late 1970s, the cause that many, including him, had been pursuing for a long time?" When would the 25 or so cases involving reunification of members of British and Russian families be resolved?

Mrs Thatcher said that the agreement on space built on the protocol signed in Moscow in October. It was on co-operation in civil space sciences.

On culture, Mr Kinnock seemed to "take some levity." The departments on both sides had worked very hard to get these agreements ready for signature.

On trade, companies had been out there and were in touch with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Treasury and ECGD. They, too, had worked hard to get a memorandum signed. So had the Russians.

She had discussed ABM with the United States "and they knew precisely what I was to put forward."

Turning to nuclear weapons, she said that elimination of all of these "might be a distant dream. I do not think it is a practical one and you do not found your defence policies on dreams (Conservative cheers). You found them on security."

For the next 20 years at least, our security and that of the West would be founded on a nuclear deterrent.

On human rights, the numbers released from prison in the past two months had been very much better, and two years ago it would have been unthinkable that she would have been seeing Dr Sakharov and Mrs Bonner in the British Embassy. That was remarkable. She would have thought that Mr Kinnock would have welcomed those releases.

Soon after the signing of the Helsinki accord, far more people, Soviet Jews, were allowed out of Russia.

That had since been reduced "and that is a matter which one raises because the way in which they honour the Helsinki accords indicates the way they would honour any other agreement, including those on arms control". She had also said in Russia that the Chief Rabbi would like to go to discuss these matters. It was absurd for Mr Kinnock to try to turn this into a party political matter.

Extension for tape interviews

Tape recording of police interviews with suspects will be introduced nationwide after two years of field trials which suggested that tape recordings would offer benefits to the police. **Mr Douglas Hogg**, an Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, told MPs during Commons questions. The intention was to have complete national coverage by 1991.

He said that the benefits included savings in police time through a reduction in the average length of interviews with suspects and a reduction in the number of occasions where police evidence is called into question in the courts.

During the trials it was also noted that there were more confessions in "taped" cases than in untaped ones.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) sought an assurance that resources would be made available to the police for interview rooms and extra staff for transcribing work and so on.

Mr Hogg said that a total budget of £7 million had been allocated in grant aid, to be spread over five years to 1991. There was evidence that guilty pleas had increased by 2 per cent in the case of justices' courts where the project had been monitored.

Mr Hogg said later that taping had speeded trials, partly because of police evidence not being challenged as it used to be. Waiting lists would be shorter. Police morale would be improved because they would not be subjected to cross-examination suggesting that they were dishonest when they were not.

Capital punishment debate

Question of errors 'crucial'

The following are edited highlights from speeches in the Commons debate on capital punishment. They were made by some of the speakers who were reported in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that on each of the occasions that the House had debated this subject over the past 20 or more years, he had voted against the death penalty. Nothing that had happened since the last debate had changed his mind.

The arguments of Sir Ian Percival [a Conservative former Solicitor General who had moved his clause favouring the reintroduction of capital punishment in the course of the report stage of the Criminal Justice Bill. The clause was defeated by 342 votes to 230, a majority of 112] were not only contradictory but fallacious.

"I am greviously worried about the question of mistakes. I cannot share the view that you balance out mistakes. I am horrified that anyone can put forward the view that mistakes do not matter as long as they balance out.

"I cannot accept that for one moment. That is one of the most powerful reasons why we should not encourage the reintroduction of capital punishment."

Judges had used the phrase "This was an evil man". It would better if judges stuck to the law and excluded phrases which would get approval in the gutter press (cheers).

Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Amargh, SDLP) said he was probably the only person in the House who had actually been under sentence of death [from the IRA].

But despite that he opposed the reintroduction of the death penalty. It would be playing into the hands of the IRA which was hoping to bring about more repressive legislation. If members of that organization had been in the Chamber they would be voting in favour because the cult of the martyr lasted down through the years.

Mr Leon Brittan (Richmond, Yorks, C), a former Home Secretary, said that, although he had voted in the previous debate for the return of capital punishment for a particular offence, he could not support the present proposal.

"I find the concept of evil far too vague and subjective to be the basis for deciding whether or not a man should be deprived of his life."

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C) described the new clause as "a giant step for sanity". Those MPs opposing it should come down from their ivory tower and do what the people wanted them to do.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said that in the run-up to a general election, MPs in marginal seats such as Mrs Peacock's would have a great temptation to assess what they calculated to be the popular majority on an issue and then take a demagogic line for all they were worth.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that innocent lives would be saved if capital punishment were restored.

"As a barrister, I have been told many times by men of violence that they feared the rope and would neither take lethal weapons for burglary or robbery nor enlist the help of young tearaways who might go crazy and kill someone."

Mr Alex Carlile, QC (Montgomery, L), said that those who practised in the courts during the years of capital murder had told him that it was extremely difficult to obtain a guilty verdict. It had happened only in the plainest of cases, and even then mistakes had been made.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) said that he did not care for the new clause. Murder was, by definition, evil.

The House could not arrogate to itself some greater wisdom that it did not possess.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Home Secretary and former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, tore up his copy of the proposed clause during his speech.

Earlier, he said that the proposed new clause was misconceived. It was bad. It completely misunderstood circumstances in Northern Ireland.

This was an Englishman's clause. The English did not understand Ireland. They never had. This proposed new clause, did not deserve to see the light of day (at this point, Mr Rees angrily tore up his copy).

"If I am understandably angry, it is because I feel for Northern Ireland. The English have done it again.

"What a piddling little clause to bring before this House. It is not worth it. I hope it will be withdrawn and that we can have a proper debate" (cheers).

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Hogg the hunter's defence

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, told MPs during Commons questions that he had always enjoyed participating in country sports, including shooting and fishing.

"I make no apology for that whatever. My belief is that in a democratic society, people have a right to do that."

He was replying to Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab), who asked if the Government, while looking into the question of cruelty to animals, was still continuing to accept that there should be hare-coursing, stag-hunting and fox-hunting.

Was that not a contradiction in terms? They should get rid of those so-called sports.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) said that the proposals put forward by the RSPCA to modernize the 76-year-old Protection of Animals Act were generally very constructive. Would Mr Hogg give an assurance that this was being seriously considered by his department with a view to action?

Mr Hogg: This issue is a matter of the greatest importance. The Government is giving urgent and sympathetic consideration to what we can do to improve the protection for animals.

The question is whether we can extend the protection under the 1911 Act without at the same time putting at risk legitimate country sports. I will not support measures which will put those at risk.

Royal Ordnance sale to BAe for £190m is confirmed

The cost to the Government of providing free British Aerospace shares to employees of the Royal Ordnance factories will be about £1 million, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence said after he had confirmed that British Aerospace was to buy Royal Ordnance for £190 million.

Mr Younger said that the bids received for Royal Ordnance plc had been carefully scrutinized, compared, and assessed with the help of their professional advisers.

They had had further discussions with both bidders — British Aerospace and GKN — on points arising from their offers, culminating in a final round of discussions at ministerial level with the chairmen of both companies.

"For obvious reasons, these have been sensitive and delicate negotiations but we have tried to come to our decision with a minimum of delay to avoid prolonging the uncertainty which has inevitably hung over the Royal Ordnance during this period."

He had decided to accept BAe's offer and had signed a sale and purchase agreement with that company for £190 million. The sale was conditional only on there being no reference of the sale to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC). The Office of Fair Trading was already considering the question and its recommendation was expected next week.

Subject to the decision by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on the recommendation he expected the sale to be completed before the Easter recess, which starts on Friday next week.

"I would emphasize that the sale is a sale of shares. This means that ownership of Royal Ordnance is transferring to British Aerospace but the company remains a separate legal entity. It follows that the terms and conditions of service of employees of Royal Ordnance plc will not be affected by the sale."

The announcement was good news for Royal Ordnance, marking the end of a period of uncertainty about ownership of the company, but, equally important, it opened up the full range of opportunities for development and growth of business which was only available under private ownership.

Royal Ordnance needed freedom to fulfil its potential. BAe was a substantial and highly successful British company with a fine track record on exports that were vital to Royal Ordnance's future.

Mr Denzil Davies, Opposition spokesman on defence: He claims some credit for ending uncertainty. The policy which started with his predecessor (Mr Michael Heseltine) and continued with him has created uncertainty.

The factories were trading efficiently and commercially before the Government started tampering with them. When the tampering started, the value of the factories stood at £350 million to £400 million. We are down to a valuation of £190 million, substantially lower than net asset value, and that is a measure of the damage the Government has done to the Royal Ordnance.

What would happen if MMC decided that BAe would become the largest defence contractor? What would happen if the sale were vetoed?

Mr Younger: He is not correct about uncertainty. It has been well known throughout to all interested in these matters, and to the ROF itself that the form of its organization has not been such, in spite of all the hard work by those who work in it, to give the best chance of maximizing its returns. Its status before it became a plc restricted it unfairly, and unfortunately for the workforce.

If the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry refers it, that will be a new situation and would have to be dealt with. Our view is that this deal should be able to go ahead, but it is up to Mr Channon.

There was no truth in rumours that there were to be particular redundancies or that two factories were to close. Such matters would be for the new owners to decide. The change would be very much in the interests of employees.

Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C) said that the arranged marriage would bring increased opportunities.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said that uncertainty had been damaging and employees had sought greater security elsewhere. What assurance was there about the level of future investment?

Mr Younger: One way to end uncertainty would have been to do nothing, and replace uncertainty with the certainty of slow and inevitable decline.

Zeebrugge inquiry to hear that stricter procedures will prevent another disaster

New design ruled out

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port she would roll to starboard. The presence of some water on the car deck would mean that she would recover from the roll only sluggishly, and the whole time would be taking in more water.

As she straightened up after the turn to port, she would probably have gone just past the vertical causing all the water on the starboard side to rush to port, producing a marked list.

When ships are vertical in the water they present a symmetrical shape to the sea, but as they heel over the shape becomes asymmetrical. The effect of that would be that while the ship was heeling to port the shape of the hull was trying to turn her to starboard, so that she started to go into a tighter and tighter turn to starboard with water all the time pouring in at the port bow.

Her plight may have been worsened by the fact that she was in relatively shallow water, so that instead of the turbulence which the ship created being dissipated into the depths, it had to work itself out on the surface, probably increasing the flow of sea into the ferry.

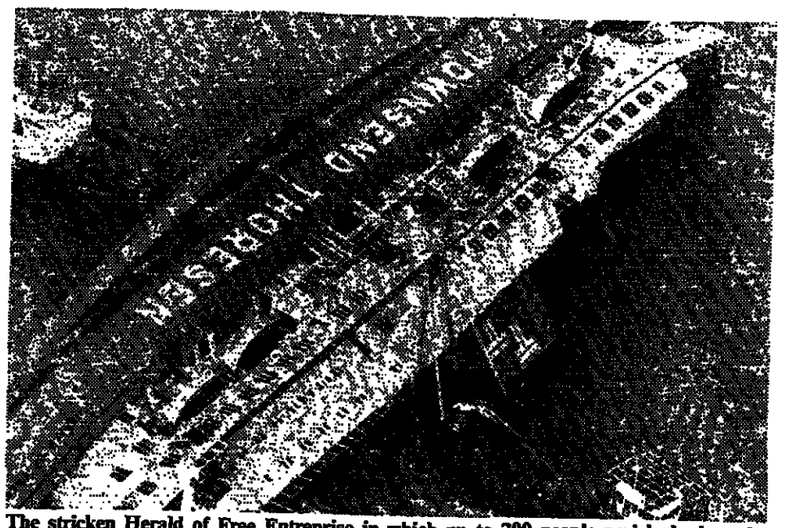
The crew would have attempted to correct the turn with the rudders, but the effect of the asymmetrical shape of the hull in the water may have been too powerful for the rudder.

Possibly, shortly before the capsize the starboard propeller may have come out of the water and become ineffective. At some stage in that process lorries and cars would have started to slide to port on the car deck, causing the ship to heel even more.

"Ro-ro" supporters point to their safety record and argue that recommendations for drastic design changes could lead to higher fares, slower turn-round, damage to cross-Channel trade, and much lower profits.

● Ferry operators have achieved huge improvements in efficiency ●

Any order for structural changes would affect all ferry operators using British ports, and not just P & O, owner of Townsend Thoresen, who operated the Herald of Free Enterprise.



The stricken Herald of Free Entreprise in which up to 200 people perished when she capsized outside Zeebrugge harbour last month.

If the public and political climate demands extra structural safety, ferry users will have to pay for it, one leading naval architect said. It would be possible to design much safer ships, but they would have to be so sub-divided by water-tight compartments that vehicles would have to be hoisted aboard by crane, and that would destroy the ferries' commercial viability.

Huge improvements in the efficiency of ferries have been achieved by operators in the past 20 to 30 years. In 1953 it used to take up to two and a half hours for a small drive-on, drive-off ship with only a stern door to unload and reload in port. By 1962 a drive-through ship, carrying 850 passengers and 120 cars could be turned round in one and a half hours.

Today, ferries like the Herald, carrying 1,350 passengers and 350 cars, can be turned round in one hour.

The new 26,000 tonners, Pride of Dover and Pride of Calais, which Townsend Thoresen aim to use this year, will be able to be turned around in about the same time even though they will carry up to 2,300 passengers and 650 cars.

Unofficial estimates suggest that these super ferries may reduce costs by about 40 per cent.

The shipping division of European Ferries, which covers Townsend Thoresen's passenger and freight activities, has recently been recovering from a severe slump in profits in the early 1980s. It reached a peak level of pre-tax profits of £18 million in 1978. But by 1981, as the result of a vicious price war, those had slumped to £1,940,000. However, since then they have been climbing back to reach £19 million in 1985.

That is estimated to have slipped back to about £17 million in 1986 because of a strike at Felixstowe, but a sharp increase in profits is expected this year. Prior to the Zeebrugge disaster it had been expected that they would soar to £27-£30 million.

One of the factors which enables vehicles to be loaded and unloaded so rapidly is the vast, unobstructed car deck, which allows complete freedom of movement. On the Herald the main car deck had an area of 2,250 square metres, and the new 26,000-ton super ferries will have a main car deck of 3,600 square metres — over three-quarters of an acre.

Among issues which the inquiry will want to consider and some of the recommendations likely to emerge are:

● All ferries should be fitted with an indicator on the bridge, so that the captain can tell whether the bow doors are open or closed. That is a step which Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, has already demanded of ferry operators.

● Stricter on-deck supervision of the closing of the bow doors. Surprise has been expressed that the Herald's Captain, Chief Officer, Second Officer and Bosun all appeared to be on the bridge when the capsize occurred, and that the assistant bosun had gone to his cabin.

● Additional regulations relating specifically to ferries should be drawn up. In the immediate aftermath of the capsize there was confusion among captains and others as to whether there existed a regulation requiring them to close bow doors before sailing.

● Stricter procedures regarding the chaining down of heavy lorries. According to the National Union of Seamen lorries are usually only chained when winds are force 4 — moderate breeze — or stronger.

● The inquiry will want to hear evidence about the bow doors, and whether there was any reason why they could not be closed. The possibility of a design fault seems largely to be discounted. But the ferry was due to have its annual overhaul during which the doors would have been completely stripped down. Mr Justice Sheen will want to be satisfied that the operation of the doors was not impaired because they were needing maintenance.

● The judge will wish to satisfy himself that the ballast pumps and other equipment were working properly, something which may only be discovered when the Herald is brought to the surface. He may also want improved procedures for ensuring that the captain is kept fully informed of the trim of his ship.

The inquiry will almost certainly examine the general design stability of ferries. These ships are well provided with water-tight buoyancy below the car deck, but if the sea enters the wide open spaces of that deck, about six to ten feet above the water line, it can swill about creating enormous momentum which can precipitate a capsize.

Naval architects are divided on whether bulkheads to create water-tight compartments on car decks are necessary or whether properly carried out procedures cannot provide a satisfactory assurance that the sea will be kept out of the car deck even in circumstances of collision or terrorism.

By way of a compromise, many naval architects and engineers are now seeking ways of providing extra safeguards against a capsize without destroying the economics of ferries.

● If safety factors are not right, next disaster could be on scale of Titanic ●

A frequently mentioned solution is a combination of a fixed longitudinal bulkhead, running from bow to stern, with retractable transverse bulkheads, running from port to starboard, which could be raised or swung to the side while the ship is loading or unloading.

But such a system, it has been estimated, could diminish the load-carrying capacity on the car-deck by 25 per cent.

In his recommendations Mr Justice Sheen will be forced to compromise between safety and commercial interests. But with ever-bigger ferries crossing the Channel, he will have the awful responsibility of knowing that if he gets the safety factors wrong the next disaster could be on the scale of the Titanic.

Tories step up drive for more research cash

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Research has borne the brunt of the 11 per cent decline in the Government's spending on universities in the past six years, Mr Timothy Raison, Conservative MP for Aylesbury and a former education minister, argues today.

Only the Government can help to stem the brain drain — it was not enough to leave it to industry, he said.

His comments, in an article published in *New Society*, reflect the view of many Conservative backbenchers that the Government's policy of expecting industry to spend more on research and development will not halt the decline in Britain's science base.

Mr Raison, who was replaced as Minister for Overseas Development last year, said that the proportion of fellows of the Royal Society living in the United States rose from 2.8 per cent in 1960 to 8.1 per cent last year.

"One can argue about the exact figures and their interpretation and the impact of the brain drain, but what is inescapable is the feeling of retreat.

"Equally inescapable is the fact that only the Government can really alter the situation. More gifts from industry, more contract work, may help; but they cannot be enough."

He points out that the vice-chancellors want about £270 million extra by 1989-90 to "stabilize the system", 15 per cent more than the Government plans to spend.

● An innovation task force to be set up by the National Economic Development Council reflects dissatisfaction within government, the trade unions and even the Confederation of British Industry over the investment by industry in research and development (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

The task force is intended to transform commercial ideas into profitable reality.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has criticized the record of British industry compared with the achievements of the main overseas rivals.

● The Government was still undecided last night over the reply to give today to the European Commission to a request for Britain to change its mind and join the other 11 member countries in a second five-year research and development programme costing £4.58 billion.

Last month Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, blocked an agreement, for spending on hundreds of projects in European industry and laboratories.

Film director stranded on isle of empty beds

A film director was being held under virtual house arrest by residents on a remote island in the Channel yesterday after the company he represents cancelled dozens of room bookings and put the island's economy in disarray.

Boatmen on Bryher, the smallest island in the Scillies, are refusing to take Mr Roland Burrows back to the mainland until he can persuade the company, John Oakden Films, of Cheshire, to pay the £50,000 promised last November.

The company booked every bed on the island as part of its preparations for the filming of the children's book, *Where the Whales Came*, by Michael Morpurgo, starting at Easter.

Tourism is a mainstay of the Bryher economy. Residents thought they had made a good start to the season when Mr Burrows arrived to book all the rooms for the company. But he returned on Tuesday with the news that the film company had suffered a financial setback and would have to delay the start of filming until after Easter.

Mr Robert Atkinson, proprietor of the Hell Bay Hotel, the island's only hotel, said: "We are angry and disgusted". Mr Burrows, who had planned to return to the mainland today, is now "staying" at the hotel.

Mrs Marian Bennett, Bryher's representative on St Mary's Council, estimates that it will cost £2,000 per household in lost bookings. "Many are trying to re-let our rooms, but it's far too late for Easter. We generate a quarter of our annual income at this time of year."

Fruit is plentiful for this weekend

Organically produced food is appealing to more and more people without any clear idea of what exactly it is.

Although there is no agreed definition, it is generally assumed to mean fruit and vegetables grown without artificial fertilizers or pesticides.

Organic or not, fruit such as apples, bananas and oranges, are all plentiful at this time of year.

Cape golden delicious are now in the shops, as are Granny Smiths and red delicious from Chile, all between 40 and 50p a lb.

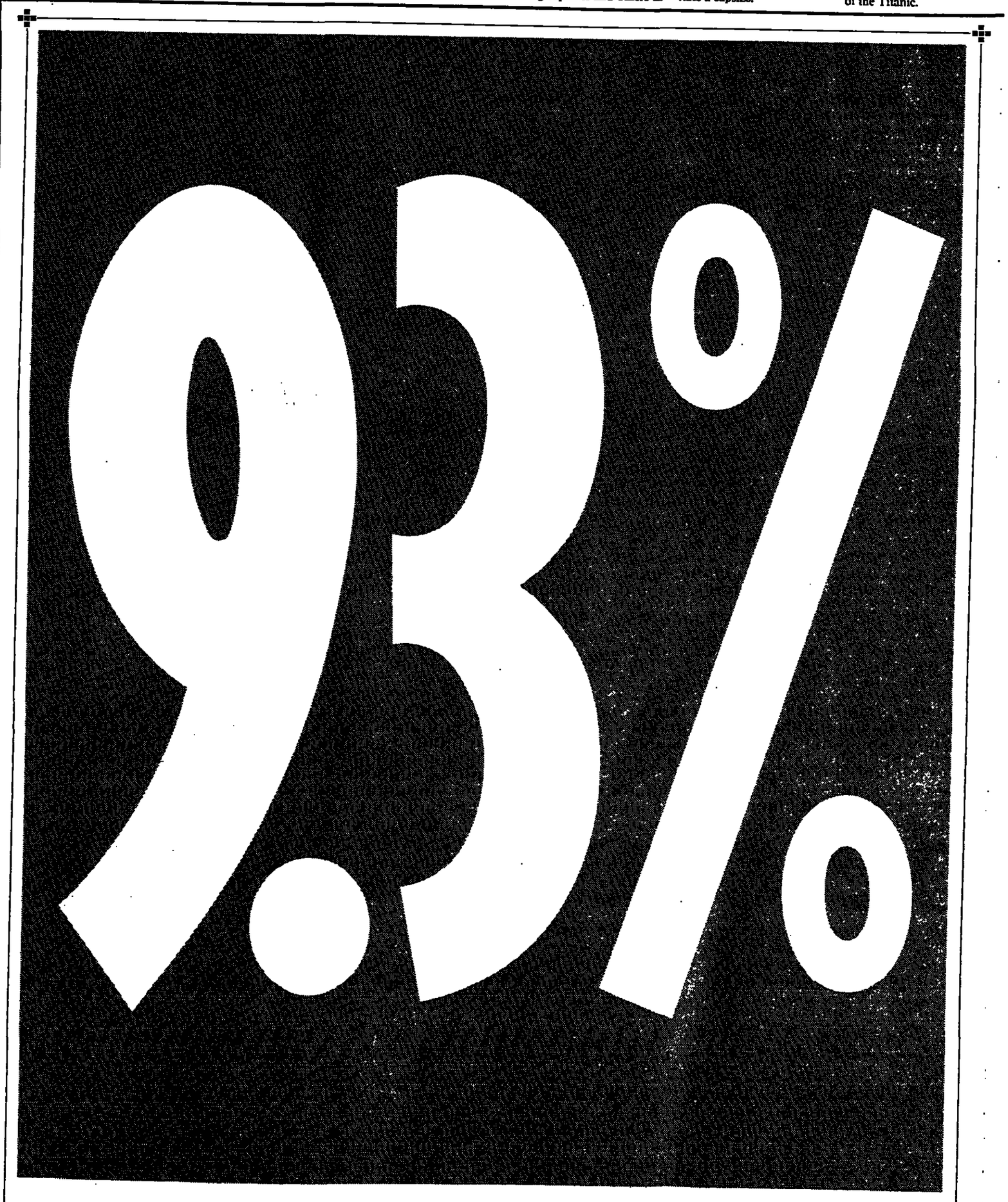
Caribbean and central American bananas are 40-54p a lb and Mediterranean oranges and lemons 9-20p each. Grapes are betweeen 70p and £1 a lb, melons between £1 and £2.20 each.

A restricted choice of quality vegetables includes cabbage at 12-25p a lb, broccoli 45-70p, carrots 10-15p, leeks 25-50p and swedes and parsnips 15-25p a lb.

For the freezer, whole New Zealand lamb from Dewhurst is a bargain at 79p a lb, as is Presto's frying steak, £1.99 a lb, and pork chops at £1.32 a lb.

Asda braising steak at £1.29, Sainsbury beef rib roast £1.48 a lb, Bejam stewing steak 99p a lb, Tesco fore rib of beef £1.38 and Safeway braising steak at £1.49 a lb are also good buys.

Fish prices at Billingsgate are still high after last week's gales.

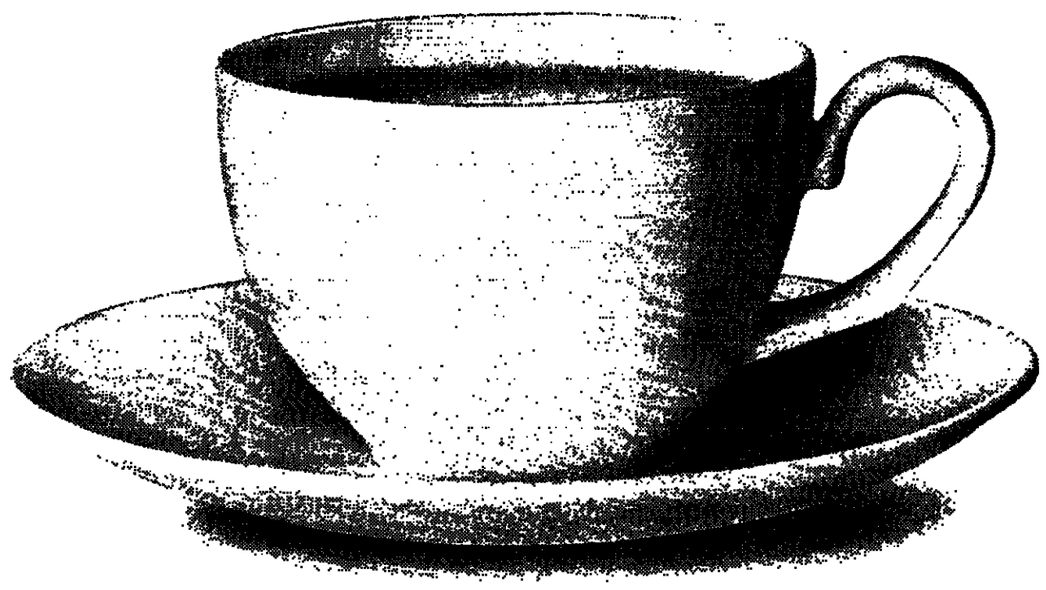


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WORLD SUMMARY

Ian Smith kicked out of parliament

Harare (Reuter) — Mr Ian Smith, aged 67, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, was suspended yesterday for 12 months from the Zimbabwe Parliament. Members voted 38-10 for a Government-backed motion to suspend him because of statements he made in Johannesburg opposing anti-apartheid sanctions against South Africa.

The Government withdrew a motion calling for the immediate abolition of 20 parliamentary seats reserved for whites. The Information Minister, Mr Nathan Shamuyarira, said that the whites' seats would be the subject of another motion to be introduced shortly.

Mr Smith is the longest-serving MP, having sat for 39 years under British colonial rule before 1965, during the white settler rebellion, and in independent Zimbabwe since 1980. He was ordered out of the house immediately.

Fire traps miners

Murdochville, Quebec (AP) — One miner was killed and 19 were missing yesterday after an underground fire broke out in a copper mine in the Gaspé area of eastern Quebec, a mine official said.

Six miners were rescued and another 26 were trapped, but safe, in a sealed-off lunchroom hollowed out of the rock in a shaft 2,600 ft underground, a Gaspé Mine spokesman said. The lunchroom has fresh water, ventilation and radio links with ground level.

Smoke still filled the mine but five teams of specially equipped rescue workers were searching for survivors. The cause of the fire was not known, but it was not thought to have been an explosion.

Appeal rejected

New York (NYT) — A Federal appeal court has ruled that Mr Karl Linnas, aged 67, could be deported immediately to face the death penalty as a war criminal in the Soviet Union.

The court rejected an appeal to delay the deportation of Mr Linnas, of Greenlawn, New York State. He is accused of being a concentration camp commander who took part in mass murders in Nazi-occupied Estonia in the Second World War.

Mr Linnas faces execution in the Soviet Union, where he has been convicted *in absentia*.

There is still the possibility of a final appeal to the US Supreme Court, which has so far refused to intervene.

Pacific wary of Libya

Sydney — A Libyan plan to establish a diplomatic bureau in the South Pacific is causing concern in Australia (Stephen Taylor writes).

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, told Parliament that the plan would be a source of tension. As Libya had limited commercial interests in the South Pacific, its motives could only be political.

Plea for bachelors

Luxembourg (Reuter) — A British civil servant pleaded in the European Court of Justice yesterday for fair treatment for bachelors.

Mr George Newstead, aged 58, asked the court to rule that the Government's witholding of 1½ per cent of his salary for a widows and orphans fund was illegal sexual discrimination as single women did not have to contribute. The Government argued that the fund did not come under EEC sex equality laws.

Children poisoned

Oslo — At least 500 children have been poisoned by salmonella in several popular lines of chocolate bars, Norwegian health authorities said (Tony Samstag writes).

The epidemic has been traced to a contaminated shipment of cocoa beans from West Africa. The sweets have now been withdrawn from sale, but early reports were ignored because they were widely assumed to be an April Fool's Day joke.

Odinga challenged



Nairobi — Mr Oginga Odinga, right, the former Kenyan Vice-president alleged in court here to have given money to the clandestine Mwakenya movement, has been challenged by 16 MPs from his tribal area to denounce the group (Alastair Matheson writes). The prosecution in a case against a Mwakenya member claimed Mr Odinga failed to make a donation when asked, saying he had already made one.

Maradona's daughter

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — The Argentine soccer player, Diego Maradona, became a father yesterday when his long-time companion, Claudia Villafane, gave birth to a daughter in the Clinica del Sol hospital here. A hospital spokesman said the baby had been named Dalma Maradona.

The mother was reported to be well. Maradona himself is currently in Italy — but he sent a large bouquet to the hospital. His team, Napoli, is struggling to win a league championship for the first time in its history.

The poignant end of more than one love affair

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Last night's première on French television of a 30-second publicity spot for Durex condoms (or *capotes anglaises*, as they are known here) was doubly poignant.

Not only did it mark the end of Catholic France's strict ban on all contraceptive advertising, but it also unwittingly paid tribute to another passing French legend — the Citroen *deux-chevaux*.

The film, part of the Government's campaign against Aids, shows the Citroen 2CV, much-beloved by young French lovers, sitting in the middle of a flower-strewn meadow, rocking up and down to the rhythmic movements of the courting couple within, while a slogan flashes on the screen: *"L'amour, faut pas en faire une maladie"*, which may be roughly translated as "Don't get love-sick", followed by the name "Durex condoms".

At present, only 7 per cent of Frenchmen use condoms, compared with an estimated 37 per cent in Britain and 70 per cent in Japan.

France, with 1,500 cases of Aids — double the number in Britain — has got off to a much slower start than Britain in alerting the public to the dangers of the disease. But in deciding to lift the ban on condom advertising, France is ahead of Britain, as also in its decision to allow the sale of hypodermic syringes without a prescription in an attempt to stop the spread of Aids among drug addicts.

The Government has also just included an Aids test as part of the compulsory medical examination which all French couples have to undergo before they are allowed to get married. No one else is is being subjected to compulsory testing for the disease, except for blood donors.

The Durex film was, of course, made before this week's surprise announcement that Citroen were to stop making their world-famous *deux chevaux* in France. Over four million models have been sold since the little turtle-shaped car was launched in 1949. At 35,900 francs (£3,740), it is still the cheapest car on the market.

Although Citroen said the car would continue to be made in Portugal, the French are convinced that its death sentence has been pronounced and that its demise is now only a matter of time.

They rue the passing of yet another quintessentially French symbol, along with the beret, the Gauloises, and the policeman's képi.

Citroen explained that the car's sales were falling and were in danger of falling further in the face of increasing competition from other small cars and as foreign countries introduced tougher pollution controls.

So where will young French lovers go now? The disillusioned sceptics reply that they have already found their outlet in the anonymous "no-touch" sex conversations provided by telephone and computer services. Others, however, believe that all is not yet lost for the traditional favourite French pastime, and a French brewer is about to launch a new aphrodisiac beer to help things along.

After combing the world in search of effective love-potions, the famous Fischer brewery from Alsace has selected four reputed aphrodisiacs, all natural, for inclusion in its new brew which is due to be launched on the market in September. M Marc Arbogast, Fischer's technical director, says that the low-hop, low-alcohol beer (alcohol dampens the sexual response) is not intended to produce Don Juans or sexual marathon competitors, but is rather designed for those who suffer from sexual inhibitions.

Kenyan dancers give Prince a festive farewell

The Prince of Wales, chatting with Mr Elijah Mwangale, Kenya's Foreign Minister, watches traditional African dancers giving him a festive farewell yesterday at the end of his three-day working visit to Kenya as a board member of the Commonwealth Development Corporation.



Before flying on to Botswana, the Prince met African Medical Research Foundation officials in Nairobi (Alastair Matheson writes). He was told that the organization, approaching its thirtieth anniversary, has treated more than a million people, using mobile health units and its "flying doctor" service.

Most of Britain's current assistance to AMREF is spent on child health. But the Government has recently provided radio equipment worth £70,000 to help the organization improve its radio network.

Earlier, President Daniel arap Moi, at a dinner he hosted for the Prince at State House, Nairobi, praised the CDC for its assistance in urban housing development, cash crop agriculture and training projects.

Kremlin cools Israeli link reports

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday attempted to dampen a recent flurry of speculation that it was planning to upgrade its ties with Israel or to permit a quota of Soviet Jews to leave for Israel this year.

American Jewish sources in New York had reported earlier this week that Soviet officials pledged during talks in Moscow that up to 12,500 Jews would be allowed to leave for Israel via Romania during 1987, a far higher figure than in recent years.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, said applications to emigrate were considered in accordance with Soviet laws and some were rejected because the applicants knew state secrets. "We cannot guarantee positive answers on a concrete number of applications," he said.

Mr Gerasimov said that the question of emigration via Romania had not been raised at an official level. Commenting on a visit to Moscow last month by Mr Edgar Bronfman, President of the World Jewish Congress, and other leading American Jews, the Soviet official said their discussions had been private. "They were told that the sooner a just solution was found in the Middle East, the sooner there would be the possibility to move towards normal relations between the Soviet Union and Israel."

Mr Gerasimov said that he was issuing his statement to a press conference because recent news agency reports had caused concern amongst Moscow's Arab friends and raised doubts about the consistency of its policy, which he insisted had not changed since the breakdown of last year's talks with Israeli officials in Helsinki.

He acknowledged that a Soviet consular delegation was expected to visit Israel at some point to handle issues affecting Soviet church property in Israel.

He would not be drawn on when such a visit might take place, but flatly denied that there was an agreement to allow Israeli officials a reciprocal trip to the Soviet Union. "We do not want to link the visit of the consular group with a visit by an Israeli group here," he said.

Mrs Raisa Gorbachov and her Western wardrobe are the subject of an underground video which depicts the Soviet leader's wife as an extravagant, vain woman, according to Muscovites who have seen the film (The New York Times reports from Moscow). The film's origin is unknown but it has troubled Mr Gorbachov's aides, who believe it may be part of a campaign to undermine him.

Violent clashes as Pope's Chilean visit opens

Stepping between palace and protesters

Santiago (Reuter) — The Pope, fresh from branding Chile's Government as dictatorial, visited President Pinochet yesterday before addressing residents of slum districts considered hotbeds of opposition.

The Pontiff became the first non-military head of state to make a formal call on La Moneda, Chile's 18th-century presidential palace, since the 1973 coup which brought General Pinochet to power.

But popular discontent with the Pinochet Government was thrown into focus on Wednesday night, when violent clashes erupted only 50 yards from where the Pope was giving a homily to Chilean clergy.

Demonstrators shouting "bread, work, justice, liberty", and "Pinochet, murderer", hurled bottles and rocks at police on duty to provide security for the Pope. Police retaliated, beating people with clubs and calling in water cannon to clear streets in the city centre. Several people were injured and at least two were arrested.

Vatican sources said the contrasting points on the agenda of the Pope's second day in Chile had been carefully chosen to counter suggestions that the Pontiff was lending legitimacy to the military Government by meeting President Pinochet at La Moneda, which was bombed and strafed on the day of the coup. The President's predecessor, Señor Salvador Allende, died in the ruins of the palace.

Welcoming the Pope on Wednesday at the start of his six-day tour, President Pinochet justified the coup and subsequent imposition of military rule by saying that it had been in defence against "the most extreme aggression . . . because of the action of the most extreme and materialistic ideology which mankind has known".

Immediately after seeing the President yesterday, the Pope left for a meeting with slum dwellers in the southern district of La Bandera, a frequent target of police raids. Even by Third World standards, conditions in Santiago's slums are particularly harsh, with unemployment running up to 75 per cent.

Roman Catholic priests in working-class areas blame the opposition to President Pinochet on his Government's failure to provide jobs and social services for the poor.

On the aircraft that brought him to Uruguay, the first stop on a two-week Latin American tour which ends in Argentina, the Pope took issue with the way President Pinochet is dealing with his opponents.

"Certainly, in Chile we are going to encounter a system which is currently dictatorial," he said. "But this system is by its own definition transitory." Chile's controversial 1980 constitution provides for a transition to a form of democracy by 1989.

High-altitude indiscretion keeps the press happy

From Roger Boyes
Rome

Frustrated by the tight room for manoeuvre in his politically sensitive pilgrimage to Chile, the Pope is resorting to a stratagem favoured by Dr Henry Kissinger, the former United States Secretary of State: high altitude indiscretion.

As he hops between South American cities on the papal jet, the Pope walks to the back of the aircraft to the press corps. The journalists put down their drinks and batter the Pontiff with questions.

Chile appears to be on the edge of a volcano, one reporter remarks on the flight between Montevideo and Santiago. The opposition is simmering. In Poland the underground opposition has just called for strikes to resist price rises. What is the difference between Poland and Chile?

"Omnis comparatio claudicat" (Any comparison limps), answers the Pope in Latin. "There are some analogies, but it's difficult to say. . . " He walks on. The Vatican press corps press him further. In what sense does the comparison limp? In whose favour is the comparison?

The Pope thinks for a while. "In Chile we are going to encounter a system that is at present dictatorial. But by definition the system is only transitory."

And in Poland? continued the press.

"There are no elements to allow us to hope in the same way."

A prelate is on hand to explain the answer: "The Holy Father thinks that a dictatorship bound to one man is overthrown more easily. Only dictatorships bound to a political system endure."

The Pope stretches far and wide in his analysis of the Chilean political situation, comparing the murder of a priest in a Santiago suburb last year with the killing in Poland of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity chaplain, by secret policemen.

One of the most intriguing aspects of papal trips is the connection between the visit of the Pope and future political upheaval (for example, in Poland, the Philippines and Haiti). However, the Pope has been emphasizing in his impromptu aeroplane conferences that his travelling is always related to the pastoral mission of the Church.

Asked to compare the Church's role in Chile and the Philippines, the Pontiff said that everywhere the Church has to call for greater human rights. "That is part of the meaning of our mission."

CIA hand in tour, says Moscow

Moscow (AFP) — A Moscow newspaper alleged yesterday that the Pope's South American tour is part of an alliance between the Vatican, the CIA and President Reagan. *Moscow News* suggested that there was a link between the Pope's tour and Mr Reagan's visit to the Vatican in June.

It said the Pope's visit to Argentina was aimed at supporting reactionary leaders of the Catholic Church, nostalgic about the dictatorship of the 1970s. It also deplored what it saw as his efforts to revive Catholicism in Uruguay, "the least religious and most civilized country in Latin America". The effects of the visit to Chile were difficult to predict, it said.

Dutch join war on hard drugs

From Richard Owen
Amsterdam

As the world's first "soft drugs" museum officially opened its doors here yesterday, the Mayor of Amsterdam, Mr Edward van Thijn, said he was declaring an all-out war on hard drugs and drugs-related crime in the city.

"We Dutch are very tolerant", Mr van Thijn said. "People tend to think our toleration includes hard drugs. They are not tolerated by me."

The city fathers in Amsterdam are not happy with the new museum devoted to cannabis. Called the Hash Info Museum, it is situated, like the Town Hall, not far from the alleyways where near-naked girls sit in windows waiting for clients.

It all belies the image of Amsterdam that Mr van Thijn has been trying to present in his four years as Mayor: a clean and safe city relatively free of drugs and crime.

Mr van Thijn denies that soft drugs are an automatic stepping stone to hard drugs, and says Amsterdam's experience proves the reverse. His aim is to put out of action the 200 or so hardcore cocaine and heroin dealers.

Behind the scenes of spy swap

East German prefers to stay in West

From John England, Bonn

An East German agent who was to have been included in a four-a-side spy swap between Bonn and East Berlin on Wednesday, but decided to stay in the West, had a showdown meeting with an East German lawyer in West Germany recently, it was reported yesterday.

The West German news agency, DPA, said the jailed agent, who has not yet been named, had told West German authorities that he did not want to be sent back to East Germany. The authorities informed the East Germans and invited them to send an official to West Germany to interview the man and satisfy themselves that he was making a free decision.

A West German security man, DPA added, said: "We wanted to show that we were not putting pressure on the man to stay and avoid the East Germans making capital out of it."

The spy exchange at the border at Herleshausen, in Hesse, included the East German agent, Herr Lothar Erwin Lutze, aged 46, a former West German Defence Ministry employee, who was arrested together with his wife, Renate, a ministry secretary, in 1976. Sentenced by a court in Düsseldorf in 1979, they were given 12 years and six years, respectively.

The court found that they had passed at least 640 West German and Nato military secrets to their spymasters in East Berlin.

Renate Lutze was freed as part of an East-West spy swap in October 1981, after serving only one-third of her sentence. With her went Günther Guillaume, the East German master agent who brought down Chancellor Willy Brandt in 1974.

Lothar Lutze, who was jailed at Geldern, on the lower Rhine, where his prison number, 007, made him the butt of other inmates' jokes, had served 10 years and 10 months and was due for release in June next year.

Bonn is believed to have held Lutze back from earlier spy swaps as a pawn for the release of Christa-Karin Schumann, an East German woman doctor who was arrested as a West German agent in 1979 and is reported to be kept in solitary confinement in an East Berlin jail.

She was the friend of an East German vice-admiral who held a senior post in the Ministry for State Security and was shot without trial after being accused of working for the West German federal intelligence service, BND. Bonn and East Berlin are now expected to have "special negotiations" on her release to the West.

Israel bars man from US Pollard investigators

American investigators are trying to interview an American who may have been involved in the Jonathan Pollard spy case but the Israeli Government has refused to allow him to leave Israel for questioning, according to an unconfirmed report yesterday.

The man, named as Mr Harold Katz, was said to have played a role in channelling Israeli payments to Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying against the US for Israel.

***The Washington Post* reported that despite Israel's pledge that it would cooperate with the US investigation "no matter where the trail may lead," the Israeli Defence Ministry has issued an order barring Mr Katz from leaving the country.**

Quoting unnamed sources, the paper said the order had effectively placed Mr Katz beyond the reach of US prosecutors. He lives in Israel and holds American and Israeli citizenship, and is subject to Israeli law.

The Pollard spy case seriously strained relations between the US and Israel. The paper said Justice Department investigators believe that Mr Katz holds the key to a host of unanswered questions about the extent to which Pollard's spying may have been sanctioned at senior levels of the Israeli Government.

Mr Richard Green, a Washington lawyer who represents Mr Katz, confirmed that the Justice Department had been seeking to question him but was certain that he was not a target.

War crimes court fair, judge says

From David Bernstein
Jerusalem

The Israeli Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by the defence for Mr John Demjanjuk, the suspected Nazi war criminal, against the refusal of the court trying him to disqualify itself on grounds of "its hostility to the defence and the accused".

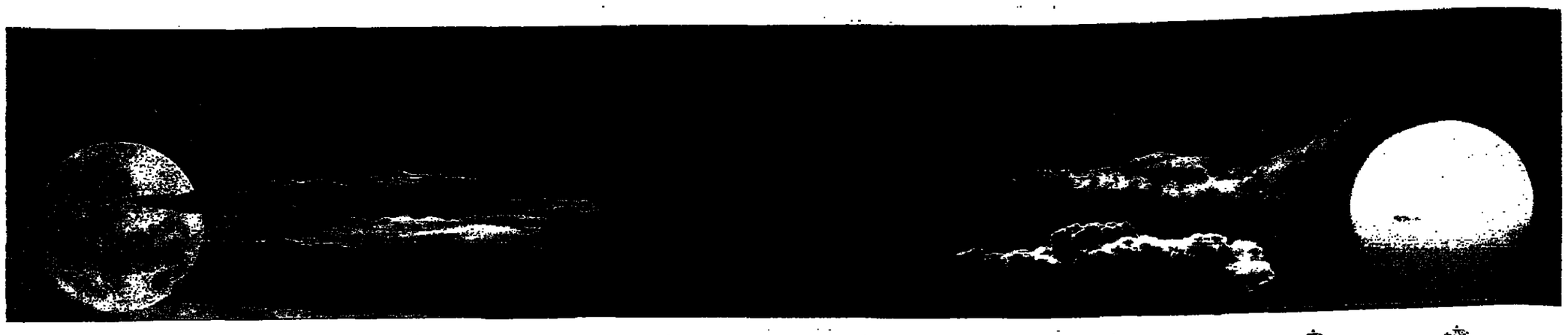
Justice Meir Shamgar said that there was no basis to the defence charges. The court had displayed patience in dealing with the defence.

During yesterday's trial proceedings, the prosecution questioned Mrs Helge Grabitz about a document which it claimed had been issued to Mr Demjanjuk at the SS's Trawniki training camp.

The defence had hoped to discredit its authenticity, but the prosecution was able to elicit from Mrs Grabitz that an attached photograph shows the man alleged to be Mr Demjanjuk dressed in the typical uniform of SS trainees at Trawniki.

The defence had contended that the picture shows a Soviet Red Army uniform and that the entire document was faked to incriminate Mr Demjanjuk, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible" at Treblinka.

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Istanbul-based Iranian gangs funnel heroin into Western Europe

By Nicholas Beeston, Istanbul

Turkey is fighting to contain an increasingly sophisticated Iranian drug trafficking operation based in Istanbul and using Turkey as a conduit for smuggling heroin to Europe.

Hundreds of thousands of Iranians, many escaping Ayatollah Khomeini's regime and the others of the Gulf War, have settled in Turkey and now represent a sizable minority of up to one million people in Istanbul.

Apart from the religious and political problems imported by this wave of immigrants, a new Iranian underworld has flourished, which organizes the transport of heroin from the poppy fields of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan to the streets of Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Vienna.

"We are facing a big problem with the Iranians, many of whom arrive here desperate and penniless, and who are ready to do anything to survive," said one senior Turkish narcotics officer.

Last year the narcotics squad in Istanbul seized 100 kilograms of heroin and 30 kg of morphine base, but in the first three months of this year detectives have already confiscated 50 kg of heroin.

According to well-informed sources, the seizures represent a tiny fraction of the cargo that makes its way from eastern Turkey in lorries.

Most of the heroin is driven across three official border crossings, or carried over the rugged mountains on the backs of mules led by Kurdish tribesmen familiar with the area.

In the early 1960s and '70s Turkey was itself a leading producer of illicit heroin, but pressure from the United States and international agencies, spearheaded by the [illegible] organization, eradicated home production.

Since the drug dealers have returned, [illegible] the last two years, Turkish police have become alarmed that Turkey is once more on the drugs map.

"As long as there is the demand for it in Europe we know the problem will never be eradicated fully here," one Turkish investigator said.

As long as there is demand in Europe the problem will not be eradicated

Although it is known that some opium is refined into heroin at secret laboratories in eastern Turkey, most of the drug transported through the country has already been processed into heroin.

On the first leg of its journey through Turkey the heroin often passes through the town of Van, where a kilo sells for £4,000 at wholesale prices.

It is then rerouted to the Aegean port of Izmir for shipping to Italy, Spain and Holland, or is taken overland into Europe via Istanbul and Erdine to staging points in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia before reaching its final destination in Holland, Austria and Germany.

In Istanbul the price for a kilo of heroin has already risen to £5,000, but it fetches up to £80,000 on the streets of Europe [illegible].

[illegible] and undercover [illegible] by Turkish and Western investigators has recorded some [illegible] in relations between [illegible] Bulgaria, [illegible] opposition among officials in Iran, reluctance by Bulgaria to co-operate in investigations and sensitivity on the part of Turkey.

Although dealers can expect 30-year prison sentences if caught in Turkey and a "brutal treatment" by Turkish police, the profits involved are too great for many to resist.

Experts say one of the main problems in penetrating the rings is that each shipment is often paid for in advance by a consortium of dealers who each own a percentage of the cargo.

"Most of them operate from Istanbul but seldom actually come into contact with the shipment," explained one observer. "Unless you are a member of the consortium or the driver it is very difficult to know when the stuff is moving."

Although experts here do not believe that much of the heroin passing through Turkey is destined for Britain, known pedlars have been identified in transit at Istanbul airport on flights from Pakistan and India to Britain.

So far the Turkish authorities have been reluctant to search passengers in transit.



The main defendant in the United States "House of Horrors" murder case in Philadelphia, Mr Gary Heidnik (above), being escorted from the preliminary hearing yesterday.

Mr Heidnik is accused of two murders and five counts of rape and kidnapping (AP reports from Philadelphia).

His co-defendant, Mr Cyril Brown (above, right), is accused of murder, rape, kidnapping and conspiracy.

According to a report in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* yesterday, Mr Heidnik wanted to impregnate starving captives and sell their babies on the black market.

The report was based on a reported statement to police by one of Mr Heidnik's alleged torture victims, Ms Lisa Thomas.

Police say they know of at least six captives held by Mr Heidnik: two who were killed, a woman who escaped, and three women, including Ms Thomas, found chained in a makeshift dungeon at Mr Heidnik's house in Philadelphia last month.

One of those who died, Ms Sandra Lindsay, was hanging for days from one arm shackled to the basement ceiling, according to a survivor.

No fanfares for Falklands anniversary

From Eduardo Cué
Buenos Aires

Argentina quietly observed the fifth anniversary of its invasion of the Falklands Islands yesterday with a memorial mass in honour of its war dead attended by President Alfonsín and a ceremony in front of the army headquarters.

Several small demonstrations were also held in the city centre, including one sponsored by Veterans of the Falklands Conflict that called for the expropriation and nationalization of all British assets in Argentina.

Nevertheless, the anniversary passed without fanfare. The foreign ministry did not release a statement to mark the anniversary. None of the major Buenos Aires dailies ran editorials commemorating a day Argentina nationalists consider one of the most illustrious of their history.

In fact, there is little talk about the Falklands here these days. Most Argentines are more concerned with the sharp decline in their purchasing power during the past months, and the nation's political class has turned its attention to September's gubernatorial and congressional elections.

Most Argentines remain convinced that the islands will be theirs one day. Since coming to office three years ago, the Government has insisted that any negotiations include the issue of sovereignty. Privately, Argentine officials say they are willing to consider a leaseback arrangement under United Nations auspices or any other solution that will eventually give them control over the islands. But the Government has refused to declare a formal cessation of hostilities with Britain.

For the present, both London and Buenos Aires are awaiting the results of this year's expected general election in Britain.

Valletta Britons demand release

Valletta — Seven of the Britons held in Malta in connection with a fire which destroyed part of the Mediterranean Conference Centre last week filed a judicial protest in the local courts against the Prime Minister and the Commissioner of Police. (Austin Sammut writes).

British officials said there was no reason for them to be kept in Malta, and that the police were abusing their power.

Bus tragedies

Bangkok (AFP) — Twenty-eight people, including nine children, have been killed and 60 injured in collisions between buses and lorries.

Agent killed

San Salvador (Reuter) — A CIA agent died when a Salvadorean military helicopter crashed last week, the US Embassy has confirmed.

Yacht rescue

Sydney (Reuter) — The New Zealand yachtsman, Digby Taylor, has been rescued, but a crewmate is missing after their yacht capsized during the Melbourne to Osaka race.

Delhi walkout

Delhi (AFP) — Opposition parties walked out of parliament in a continuing storm over illegal Swiss bank accounts held by Indians.

Major flees

Ankara (Reuter) — An Iranian Army major has fled to Turkey in a helicopter with his wife and daughter.

Uitenhage's black underground

Mandela M-plan rules the streets

By Roland Rudd

My white South African friend entered the hotel lobby looking anxious, followed by three black men in their late 20s. "Go straight upstairs," he said. "We'll greet you in your room."

He was taking no chances. The three strangers with him were wanted men, all of them members of Uitenhage's Central Co-ordinating Committee, which until the state of emergency was declared in South Africa ran the black township's street committees. There are 10 members in all: four on the run, six others in detention.

The street committees posed one of the most serious threats to white rule, and thus suffered most under the state of emergency. Most of the activists are either in detention or in hiding; others have died mysteriously.

Those lucky enough to have escaped the clutches of the state cherish their freedom, and since the security police started to pose as foreign journalists they are naturally reluctant to speak to anyone.

The 1985 Uitenhage massacre, in which police fired on a funeral march, acted as a catalyst to those eager to build an effective resistance to apartheid. Black radicals were determined to rule the townships, and seized the opportunity by reverting to the same system which Mr Nelson Mandela used in the 1950s, known as the M-plan. The theory behind it is simple: Organize from the bottom up.

The radicals — who became known as the Comrades — divided Uitenhage into 10 areas. Each area, named after a prominent member of the African National Congress (ANC), organized itself into street committees. Every street elected members to a committee, which in turn sent someone to sit on the area committee. When the area committees grew too large to organize the township efficiently their members decided to send one person to sit on the Central Co-ordinating Committee.

"The leadership of the ANC is in Lusaka" the white South African said. "But the ANC is in South Africa. There had to be some structure here — ready for the big day. But there are no leaders inside this country, only field workers."

Nevertheless the three people he brought to see me were leaders in every sense of the word. They had a clear idea of what they hoped to achieve through the street committees; they claimed to have been democratically elected (a fact substantiated by their Anglican priest) on a clear pro-ANC mandate. "We mean to educate people to be democrats for a non-racial democratic South Africa," Jacob, the youngest of the three, said.

They were anxious to persuade me that their adherence to non-racialism was absolute. When I questioned them about the consumer boycott of white shops — which was lifted earlier this year — I was quickly reminded that the Watsons' shops (a white family well known for their opposition to apartheid) were exempted because they had always supported the struggle for freedom.

"We are not just in favour of black this or black that, we are in favour of non-racialism," Michael said.

In accordance with this belief, classes were organized for each street between 7pm and 9pm. It is difficult to gauge exactly how many attended them, but talking to others who were involved it seems that the classes had a 60 to 80 per cent attendance rate.

The Comrades administer their own law through "people's courts". Petty thefts up to stolen cars are dealt with by the chairman of the area committee in which the offence has taken place. Informers or murderers are the domain of the Co-ordinating Committee.

Uitenhage's street committees, although battered and bruised by the state of emergency, still operate. But the activists are being forced underground, in disciplined cells.

Black students at Rhodes University in Grahamstown disrupted classes yesterday in a demonstration demanding representation on the university's whites-only governing bodies (AFP reports from Grahamstown).

British firm helped free Japanese kidnap victim

From David Watts, Tokyo

As Mitsui's Manila branch manager set foot on Japanese soil for the first time after 137 days of captivity, it was revealed yesterday that a British anti-terror company, Control Risks, played a key role in [illegible].

[illegible] Wakaoji was kidnapped as he returned from a golf course on Novem[illegible] last year and six weeks later Control Risk was called in. Its involvement was known only to a few inside Mitsui.

Mitsui asked Control Risk to make an assessment of the psychological state of the kidnappers and predict their moves. According to a company source, Control Risk's predictions proved correct. Senior officials of Mitsui were briefed on how to respond to the kidnapping.

Without Control Risk's support, according to the source quoted by the *Asahi Shimbun*, the company could not have got through the ordeal.

As expected, the kidnappers released a tape allegedly of Mr Wakaoji's voice which made out that he was ill and weakening fast. In the most sensational development, a faked photograph was released to the press which appeared to show that Mr Wakaoji had had part of one of his fingers amputated.

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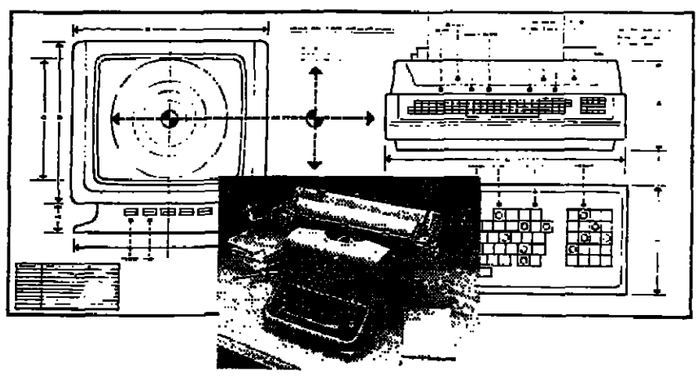
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Mulroney fights for his future after Cabinet scandals hit popularity

From Charles Bremner, Ottawa

For Mr Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, it has been a giddy fall, from landslide victory to chief of the least-popular government in his country's modern history.

Only two years ago, Canadian newspapers were still praising the style of the 45-year-old newcomer, swept to power in September 1984 at the head of his Progressive Conservative Party as the public repudiated the Liberal Party of the former Prime Minister, Mr Pierre Trudeau.

Now, buffeted by scandals involving members of his Cabinet and reeling from catastrophic opinion polls, Mr Mulroney is fighting for his future.

According to the latest survey, by *The Globe and Mail* of Toronto this week, only 24 per cent of the electorate would choose the Conservatives, compared with 40 per cent for the Liberals and 34 per cent for the New Democrats.

The survey showed that only 17 per cent of Canadians think Mr Mulroney is qualified to hold his office, while 33 per cent would choose Mr Edward Broadbent, leader of the New Democratics, and 22 per cent Mr John Turner of the Liberals.

But Mr Mulroney, a Quebec-Irish lawyer, still wields heavy clout as leader of 208 MPs in a 288-seat House, whom he led to the biggest majority in Canadian history. He is said by friends to be *determined to ride out the* storm and lead the Conservatives up to the next election, due by 1989.

"He thinks they have hit bottom and they can't go any lower," one of his friends said this week.

In this Mr Mulroney shares something with his friend President Reagan, whom he is *to meet for their third annual* "Shamrock" summit in Ottawa on Sunday. Both leaders have a common interest in using the meeting to switch the spotlight from crises at home. But Mr Mulroney stands to lose further if he fails to stand up to Mr Reagan on issues such as acid rain, carried north from America's *mid-Western "rust" belt.*



Mr Mulroney: determined to ride out the storm.

Meanwhile, deciding what went wrong for the dashing *and persuasive Mr Mulroney* has become a popular pastime here. First there was his disastrous record of giving senior posts to loyal allies of questionable competence. Seven Cabinet ministers have resigned or been removed after charges of impropriety.

Mr Mulroney has not been personally tainted by allegations of skulduggery. His unpopularity comes more from what the media term the "sleeze factor". Political insiders say Mr Mulroney's biggest handicap is his personal style. "People hated Trudeau. They *ridicule Mulroney," said* Mr Douglas Fisher, a veteran columnist with the *Toronto Sun.* "It has to do with his *Irish style, his blarney."*

Public distrust for Mr Mulroney means that he is being blamed for imcompetence in areas where he has proved successful, notably with the economy.



An Egyptian demonstrating support for President Mubarak during the Egyptian leader's visit to Mansoura, in the Nile Delta. Mr Mubarak was greeted by cheering throngs as he toured, seeking votes for his National Democratic Party in Monday's general election.

Pakistan leader's visit

Junejo eager for Thatcher report on Afghanistan

From Michael Hamlyn, Islamabad

One of Mrs Thatcher's first callers after her return from Moscow will be Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who will be anxious to hear what she has to report on the Soviet attitude towards Afghanistan.

Mr Junejo, who describes *himself as his country's* chief executive (under the active chairmanship of President Zia, is due to arrive in London this weekend on his first official visit to Britain as Prime Minister.

During an interview in Rawalpindi, he said he was looking forward to hearing the results of Mrs Thatcher's discussions with the Soviet leaders, "especially the problems we are facing in the region of our western border, that is the Afghanistan issue. She will be in a position exactly to give me an assessment of how the Russian leaders feel now."

Mr Junejo said his country's situation with the Russians had changed dramatically in the past six months. "Direct talks have taken place between Pakistan and the Soviet Union on this issue . . . This *chapter has been closed for* years past. It is the first time it has been reopened."

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, *the Pakistan Foreign Minister,* visited Moscow before the last round of indirect talks with *the Kabul regime in Geneva.* There has been no first-hand report of the Soviet attitude since the break-up of the talks, which the Russians reportedly expected to be the last.

Mr Junejo is no stranger to Britain. He studied agriculture in Hastings as a young man, but had to return suddenly to Pakistan to manage his estates *in the southern province of* Sind. On his visit he expects to meet many of the Pakistanis living in Britain.

Expatriate Pakistanis have been vociferous supporters of the extra-parliamentary opposition, *in particular* the People's Party of Miss Benazir Bhutto. Mr Junejo said he noted that they were not fully acquainted with the situation inside his country. "When they hear from their own *Prime Minister how the coun*try is governed today, and if they have some questions in their minds, they can put them and get them clarified."

Mr Junejo was sure that Miss Bhutto posed no threat to his Government. "Today the people want Muhammad Khan Junejo to continue as Prime Minister of Pakistan," he said. "They want their elected people to have a free hand to rule the country for the next five years."

He said Pakistanis were angered by the alleged rigging of the 1977 polls by the then Prime Minister, Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. *Miss Bhutto's* father, and they came out on to the streets and overthrew him. "You can't take the people of Pakistan for granted. They are most mature, politically very conscious. This is one of *the reasons for my* success. The elections in 1985 were fair."

Despite the huge crowds and long processions *that Miss* Bhutto and other opposition leaders can draw, Mr Junejo claimed they attracted no real response.

"Don't be carried away by the meetings," he said. "There had been complete suffocation before. There had been no meetings for eight years during martial law . . . They are only interested to listen, nothing beyond that. If the people can throw out Mr Bhutto they can throw out anybody. But today in Pakistan people don't want to throw out my Government."

The Soviet Union has acknowledged that Afghan guerrillas carried out a rocket and artillery attack on Soviet territory on March 8, but denied guerrilla reports of many Soviet casualties (AFP reports from Moscow). The Soviet authorities also confirmed a strong reprisal operation in Afghan territory.

Mr Junejo was also equally firm on the topic of Pakistan's nuclear programme. "Pakistan has no intention, nor any programme, for exploding any kind of nuclear device." He denied that uranium had been enriched to weapons grade. "We have not gone to that level. Pakistan does not have the capability . . . to do the enrichment to that extent."

Pakistan's nuclear programme has attracted a good deal of attention since the granting of American aid to the country, on which it may well depend and which will enable it to continue as a Western bulwark against the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

Mr Junejo's schedule includes a series of private talks and an official banquet with Mrs Thatcher, and a lunch with the Prince of Wales.

After his official visit ends he will chair a three-day regional conference of Pakistani ambassadors.

Little hope for the exiled millions

By Caroline Moorehead

A third of all Afghans are now said to be in exile. Since the end of the 1970s, when a series of military coups culminated in the setting up of the Soviet-backed Government of President Karmal, people have been crossing the borders into Iran and Pakistan, and are continuing to cross them, escaping air bombardments and the destruction of their villages and crops.

According to evidence presented to an international symposium at the Refugee Studies Programme in Oxford this week, how they fare in exile depends on where they find themselves. Nowhere are they much liked, and the hostility towards them is said to be growing; but the Iranians and the Pakistanis treat their visitors very differently.

The largest number, estimated at around 2.9 million people, are settled in Pakistan, in what are referred to as "refugee villages". The name is misleading: The village is quite unlike anything the Afghans are accustomed to. Instead of groupings of 500-1,000 people, up to 10,000 or 12,000 are kept together in camps; at Surkhab, near Pishin, 120,000 people live in a row of contiguous camps.

The relief programme is vast. But little is done to provide the forced migrants with work, and the women in particular suffer from the breakdown of previously clear roles. The result is a sharp rise in ill-health and depression.

A number of Afghans were already working in Iran before the exodus of 1979. Today the refugee population has reached more than two million, with the greatest number in Khorasan Province.

Unlike the Pakistanis, the Iranians have decided to let the refugees fend for themselves after a brief initial stay in a transit camp. In theory, the refugees are sent to places where they can find work. In practice, they scrape by wherever they can.

The consequence is a second-class existence, with Afghans drifting to the big cities where they live in appalling conditions. The men are viewed as sources of cheap labour.

The fortunate ones have a coveted ration card, entitling them to low-priced food at subsidized rates. Most do not.

What both sets of refugees share, however, is an increasing disfavour by their hosts.

Recent riots in Karachi showed that illegal arms were now available on a scale not known before, while the raid on Sohrab Goth market which precipitated them, in which a number of Afghan refugees were caught with drugs, has linked the exiles to the drugs trade in the minds of Pakistanis.

In Iran, Afghans are increasingly being blamed for crimes ranging from robbery to smuggling, and for the shortages resulting from the war with Iraq. In both countries, they are regarded as useful scapegoats



In Oxford, researchers reporting from Iran and Pakistan appear pessimistic about the future for the refugees. As long as the war with Iraq lasts, Iran will need the cheap labour the Afghans supply.

In Pakistan, if the raids from Afghanistan continue to kill civilians, and the Pakistanis feel embroiled in a war not of their making, resentment is liable to grow.

Despite the ceasefire in Afghanistan, hopes for a quick return of the refugees look faint, despite the Government's claims that 26,000 people have travelled home since January. Raids and reprisals continue to paralyze the country, the political alliances of all involved remain far from clear, and a poll conducted recently by the Cultural Council of Afghanistan Resistance in Islamabad of 1200 Afghan leaders living in 12 camps on the North-West Frontier showed how profoundly wary the refugees are of current conditions at home.

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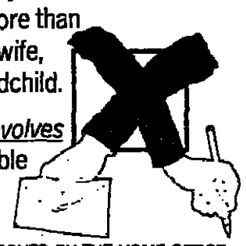
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If you wish to vote by post, fill in part 5. A ballot paper will be sent to you about a week before polling day. This must be sent back to the returning officer so as to reach him/her by 9.00 pm on polling day.

If you wish to appoint a proxy fill in parts 6 and 7. Your proxy must be a British citizen, other Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Irish Republic, and qualified to vote. A proxy may vote at the same election for one or two people; or can vote for more than two people if they are close relatives – husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

If you're physically disabled or if your job involves frequent travel away from home, you may be eligible to vote by post or proxy for an indefinite period. Ask the Electoral Registration Officer for details.



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Just a family affair

Fraser Harrison, the perfect father, left his family for another woman. Libby Purves finds out how they coped with his return

An author's life can throw up some bitter little ironies. Two years ago Fraser Harrison won critical acclaim with a charming book called *A Father's Diary*. He wrote it because so few fathers have ever written serious accounts of their young children. It was an intimate, unsentimental account of life in a remote Suffolk farmhouse with his wife Sally, his daughter Tilly, aged four, and his three-year-old son Jack.

Critics hailed it as a minor classic; Ronald Blythe called it brilliant, and "unaffectedly happy". Dozens of people wrote to Harrison applauding his sensitivity towards children and his strong family life.

But alas, by the time such letters were coming in, the unhappy author had hit a bad patch. He was drinking and smoking too much, had cooled towards his children. "Their little ways ceased to be charming and eccentric, becoming instead infuriatingly self-centred. Their incessant noise was no longer a merry chorus to our household life, but a clamorous and grating din." Worse, he was on the slippery slope of an extra-marital affair, and planning – with immense guilt – to walk out on his wife and children for another woman. The appreciative letters rolling in about *A Father's Diary* made him feel a complete louse.

One awful night in November 1985 he decided "in a fit of what now seems to have been madness", to leave home. He bungled it: he broke the news abruptly to his wife in the presence of his small son, who

'Being a father gives you identity, a role. Then suddenly you're out of a job'

saw her collapse sobbing in a chair. The little boy became agitated and distressed. "I'm going to chop you up," he said, "and make a new Daddy that won't go." At last he fell asleep – fingers crossed in the hope that Daddy wouldn't really leave. Fraser's account of it is almost too painful to read.

He left; but four days later he was back and after a long winter of chill and confusion the spring which came to the bleak Suffolk uplands this time last year found the family back in equilibrium. Now, it is an observably happy one. The children – now seven and eight years old – still make remarks and even jokes about the trauma they went through when their father disappeared; but, as Sally says: "They're too young to know the meaning of the word 'affair'. They just know it means Daddy going a bit dubious for a while."

There is nothing particularly rare about men going off the rails, or small children being abandoned. The difference in Fraser Harrison's sorry interlude is that he is a compulsive writer. Fraser found that he was weaving the whole experience into another literary diary.

It is a frank account of the disaster, not rawly told but lit and shadowed by his perceptions of the wintry landscape against which it all took place. Above all, he set out to recount precisely how the episode affected his children: he included flashbacks to the joys and the chaos of their babyhood and to the confusion of his sexual feelings after witnessing childbirth. In frenzied writing sessions he distilled all this experience; then he called it *A Winter's Tale*, and gave it to his publishers. The book is out next week.

Not every wife would take kindly to such exposure. Sally Harrison, however, is resigned. She is a dark, lively, friendly woman in her late thirties, who keeps a flock of breeding ewes with uncompromising names like Prolapse and Carpet, and cheerfully supplements the income of the family with jobs ranging from cooking in pubs to assisting a thatcher.

Her solid air of practicality contrasts nicely with his aesthetic pallor and hurt, sensitive eyes. He worries over every nuance of life, and writes it down; she gets on with it. There is a wonderfully Pooterish moment in the book when Fraser, racked with guilt, sees his little son digging a hole and asks him portentously whether he is "trying to dig himself out of something" – meaning the tense family situation. "He looked at me, evidently stupefied by the silliness of my question. 'I'm digging,' he said, speaking slowly as if to a moron, 'to make the hole bigger'." Sally, one feels, would merely have issued sustaining biscuits and told him to put on his wellies.

Sally accepts Fraser's compulsion. "He had to do it. I can't describe how awful it was, that winter – I stamped angrily around outside, he sat in that room and typed. Sometimes I snivelled 'I don't want anybody to *know* about it all' – but if you live with a writer . . ." She got her way over one thing: the substance of the affair, the other woman, is barely present in the book. "I didn't want her anywhere."

In any case, Fraser chips in, "The affair was a symptom of the trouble, not the cause of it." And after his return, chilly though relations were, "the very fact that I was writing was a guarantee that my love for Sally and the children would come right . . . It was like waiting for spring. There was no hurrying it."

Sally agrees, though the effort that that winter cost her is obvious enough. "Not one joke for three months. The awful politeness. You see, I hadn't suspected a thing, until the day he packed his suitcase. I'd known there was something wrong; for one thing he suddenly started wanting to go to parties – because *she* might be there. But she was a friend, I never thought . . ."

Sally and Fraser now see clearly that one of the causes was, paradoxically, the rare closeness he had had with his babies and their mother "as if we were all sewn into the same small suit". Then the honeymoon period ended: they lost "that joyous feeling of complete mutuality". In other words, when the children went to school it was a let-down. Mothers often suffer this, but Fraser felt it bitterly, and alone. "If you've always had problems with your own identity, being a father suddenly gives you a role. Then suddenly you're out of a job."

One trace of self-justification in Fraser Harrison or his book would clearly make him intolerable: luckily, there is none. It is a considerable work of literature and of love. He has chronicled how he made his wife and children cry, then came humbly back to find the family able to rebuild itself around him. The children's efforts in that direction are particularly touching: Jack still fiercely "organizes" his parents out of any argument.

The children came back from school just as I was leaving, and dragged me out to see the garden. I did ask them what they thought about having books written on them, but they didn't think anything. The pressures are off, now: Jack turned the subject to gerbils, and Tilly turned cartwheels all the way to the bluebell wood.

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A Winter's Tale by Fraser Harrison is published next Monday by Collins (£10.95).

Andrew Bourne



Fraser Harrison and family: "The affair was a symptom of the trouble, not the cause of it"

A pound of flesh



BARBARA AMIEL

It was about a year ago that I went through a rather commonplace event. A nice woman in a starched uniform told me, as she must have told countless other women, that I was unable to have a child. The nurse was a kind sort. It wasn't her fault but as she spoke all I could see was a large black crow sitting on her shoulder. The crow just sat there, its beak hard yellow, ready to gnaw out my insides.

At home later, I sat down and allowed myself the entire length of a recording of *Cavalleria Rusticana* to feel sorry for myself, right up until the final curtain shriek of *"Hanno ammazzato compare Turiddu!"* which reminded me of the sticky end awaiting those who over-indulge their feelings. Then I wrote a letter to Noel P. Keane, the American attorney who arranges surrogate pregnancies.

Infertility is a sad state but not a fatal one. It is estimated that 25 per cent of married women face problems conceiving. Most doctors feel that at least part of the problem has to do with postponing pregnancy too long. When nature is thwarted by contraceptive drugs, induced abortions and new trends such as later marriages and women in high-stress jobs, it seems likely that some price has to be paid.

The reply I received from Noel Keane was quite explicit. He could provide a woman to have a baby but could not guarantee that the hired mother would give the baby up. "In the event of a breach by the Surrogate," Mr Keane wrote, "Noel P. Keane agrees to negotiate with additional prospective Surrogates to fulfil the objective of this agreement."

I consulted lawyers who warned me: "Be prepared to lose the child." And so I was. Who could deny a mother her prior claim to the child she carries in her womb?

Well, Mr and Mrs William Stern, for a start, another couple who wrote a letter to Noel Keane. They selected Mary Beth Whitehead from Noel Keane's list of potential mothers. Mary Beth was artificially inseminated with Mr Stern's sperm and signed an agreement promising to give them the baby in return for a payment of $10,000.

But when the baby was delivered, Mrs Whitehead's maternal instincts asserted themselves. She refused to take the money and refused to give the Sterns the baby. Last Tuesday, a New Jersey judge awarded the child to the natural father, denying Mrs Whitehead all access to her daughter. The case will go to appeal.

The technological advances of the last decade have made it possible to use a woman's womb in a new way but have not yet found the means to alter all of her old emotional

'Women have been renting out their biological equipment since time immemorial'

responses. Science can make Mrs Whitehead a surrogate mother to Mr Stern's child. Science has not yet found a way to divorce her midbrain from the instinctive attachment she feels to the child her womb has nourished.

This is the fundamental issue in the Baby M case although it has been pushed into the background by more pop questions of class and money: the difference between the moneyed Sterns, with their promises of music lessons and holidays for Baby M, and the *déclassé* Whiteheads, with little but their debts. What seems to weigh heavily against Mrs Whitehead in the popular response is the fact that she agreed to have the baby for money.

It seems to me that the cleanest reason for nurturing the child of a stranger in one's body is money. I should find people who do it for psychological satisfaction very alarming indeed. Women have been renting out their biological equipment since time immemorial. Wet nurses breast-fed other people's children – and probably saved the lives of innumerable children whose own mothers hadn't enough milk.

The indifference to Mary Beth Whitehead's plight can, I think, be put down only to what Tom Wolfe so aptly described as the Marxist fog that finds the idea of doing anything for profit repugnant. In a report in *The Sunday Times*, Will Ellsworth-Jones quoted the female reporter next to him: "If you rent out your womb, you have to take the consequences."

In contract law there has always been a principle that if things go sour, the parties should be put back in their initial position as far as possible. In this case it would mean that the Sterns get back their money. In so far as enforcing the rest of the contract and tearing the baby away from Mrs Whitehead, it is unfortunate that the judge in this case did not remember the wisdom of Portia, who also believed in the sanctity of contract law. You may have your pound of flesh, but the contract said nothing about blood. Shakespeare understood that certain things go to the heart of a matter and may only be enforced literally.

The most basic principle of all ought to be that a mother can only be forced to give up her baby if there is compelling evidence of her unfitness – not for spurious reasons like her inability to give it music lessons. There seems no such evidence in this case, only the understandably distraught telephone threat of Mrs Whitehead to kill her child rather than have it taken away. I have some empathy with the Sterns, but like all pioneers in new technological frontiers, they must take certain risks. Mr Stern can father children for the next 40 years. He should have read Noel Keane's letter more carefully and taken up his offer to find a more willing surrogate.

Simply not cricket...

Grass widows from Agnes Grace to Kathy Botham have faced testing times

Cricketers, golfers and tennis players who follow the sun leave many a grass widow behind. But it's cricketers who are usually away the longest.

Some cricketing wives don't seem to mind this. Kathy Botham has said she enjoys her independence during Ian's absences (not always due to cricket) and sometimes curses his homecomings for disrupting her household routine.

When the definitive biography of Botham comes to be written, it's unlikely that his loving but long-suffering wife will be ignored. Indeed, while Botham takes another long walk (this time from Belfast to Dublin) in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund, it is rumoured that his wife is pre-empting an outsider's view of her role by writing a book about life with Ian.

Time was that wives were barred from cricketing tours. Even now they're not encouraged to tag along until that male *esprit de corps* has been established.

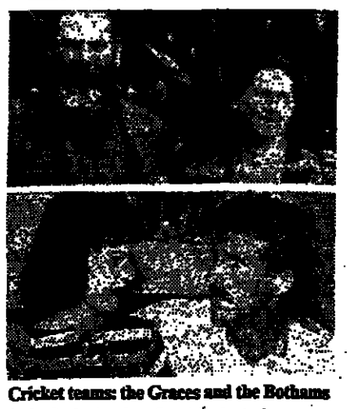
To get in on the action, Phil Edmonds's wife, Frances, accompanied the team on the West Indies and Australian tours as a writer and reporter. Mrs Graham Gooch stayed at home – so her husband did too.

Cricketers' wives today may not always appreciate the attention accorded them, but at least they are getting their fair share. It was not thus a hundred years ago, when the first biography of W.G. Grace, the father of the game, was being written. The great man's chauvinist biographers have never given the long-suffering Agnes Grace, first of the cricket grass widows, due recognition.

Grace adored his mother, Martha. He would probably never have married if Martha hadn't picked out a suitable wife for him – his 19-year-old cousin from London, Agnes Day.

Within days of the wedding, Grace took her off on what the biographers describe as the "honeymoon" tour – a honeymoon she shared with a team of cricketers on board ship to Australia. She was pregnant the day they arrived.

They did not return to England till the following May, when Grace at once took to the cricket field. His biographers are full of admiration for this, but give not a thought to his wife, seven months pregnant during a dreadful voyage from Australia, now left without a home of her own, having to share the household duties at Downend, Bristol, under the eye of her formidable mother-in-law.



Cricket teams: the Graces and the Bothams

No wonder that by the time their third child was born W.G. and his wife were living not with Grace's mother, as doubtless he would have wished, but with elder brother Henry at nearby Kingswood. Agnes had clearly put her foot down.

She was a much tougher woman than any of the chroniclers have taken her to be. I suspect it was Agnes who played a large part in her husband's decision eventually to leave Gloucestershire.

Settled back in London, Agnes doubtless thought her husband would take his profession seriously at last and buy a medical practice. Now aged 50, Grace was perhaps too old for first-class cricket, but he could continue his contribution to the game by taking up the offer of London County Cricket Club at Crystal Palace to make their side into a county team to rival Surrey at the Oval or Middlesex at Lord's.

Then their daughter Bessie died at the age of 20 of typhoid – a disease her father probably never even understood. As a medical student Grace had failed so many exams it had taken him 12 years to qualify. A hearty, no-nonsense practitioner, he wasn't really much of a doctor and probably knew it. After Bessie's death he decided never to practise medicine again.

He went on playing cricket instead. By 1901 he'd taken up bowls as well and became captain of England at that game, too. Soon he was playing golf and curling at Queen's Club ice rink.

How did Agnes react? Her modern counterpart is expected to tell us on television what it's like to be married to a famous cricketer who out of season plays football, walks for charity or takes up flying when banned from cricket; but Agnes, married to just such a man's man as Ian Botham, was never even asked.

When her husband died in 1915, she took on a young girl as a paid companion who in 1920 married Grace's youngest son, Charles. All three lived in Mrs Grace's house, where mother and son had the places of honour at the fireside while the daughter-in-law was expected to wait on them.

"Every night I had to put the family silver under Mrs Grace's bed and take it downstairs again in the morning," she told me. She never heard W.G.'s widow discuss her late husband; she hardly ever talked about cricket.

It seems that Agnes, who must often have come into the drawing room at Downend to see her own mother-in-law in happy conversation with the favourite son who adored her, and felt as much left out of it as her own daughter-in-law did in the 1920s, was finally getting her own back.

Martin Worth

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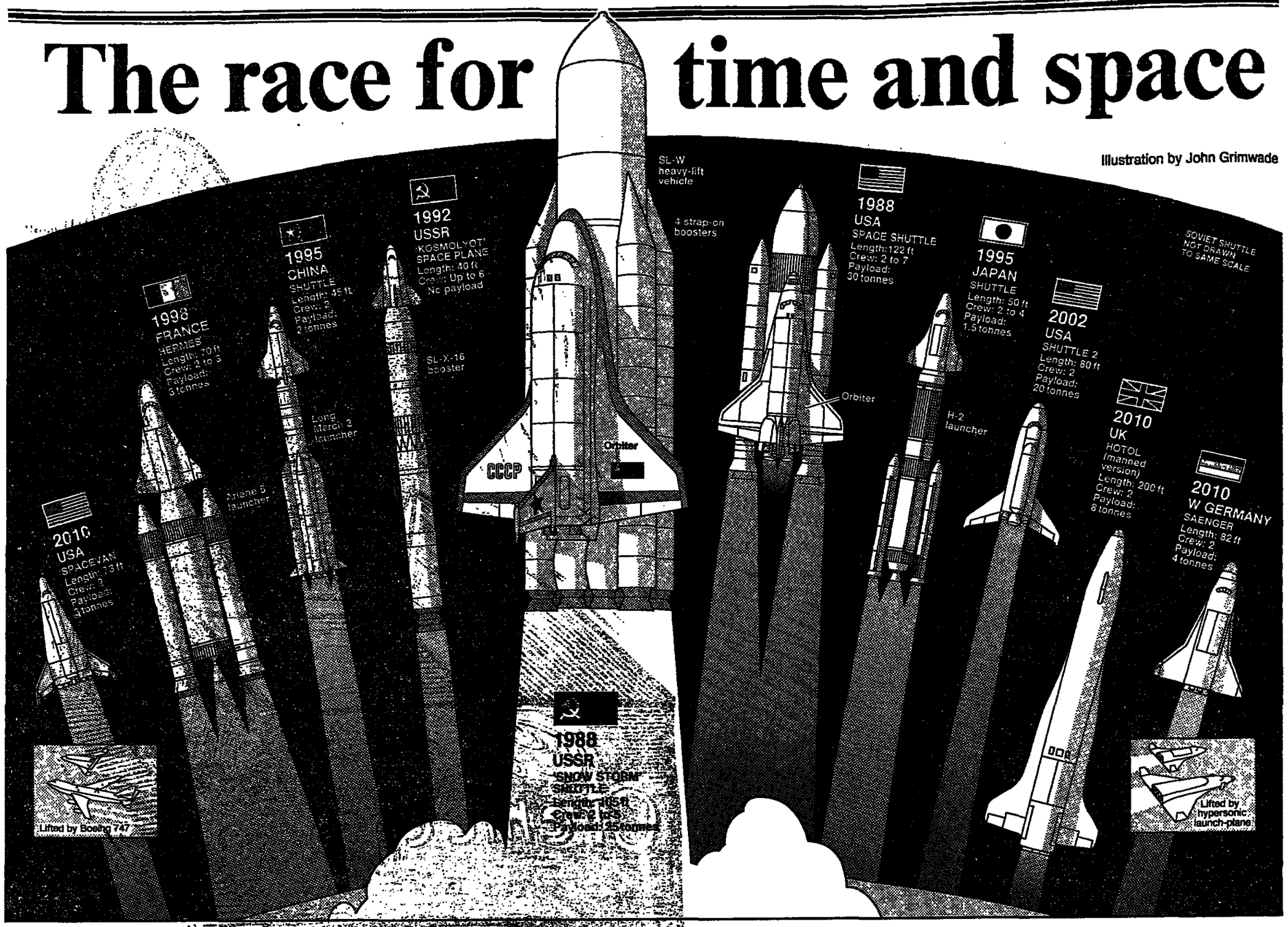


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● While America's space shuttles sit temporarily grounded, Russia is well on target to launch its own reusable spacecraft by the beginning of next year. But as *Keith Hindley* reports, Europe, China and the Japanese are not far behind in the race to produce reliable load carriers that will break the dominance of the big two.

Last week, the crew of Nasa's shuttle since the disaster at the end of each dusted... steppes... Challenger disaster. But long launch. That hardly seems around Tyuratam in before either craft can be economical, but Soviet of- the Soviet Union declared "operational" as ficials believe their lower- reverberated with a whole fleet of mini-shuttles technology shuttle will be crashing roar as the Russians' will follow. Spacecraft easier and quicker to service greatest rocket briefly burst planned by Japan, China, for another flight. It is the into flames. This was the giant France, Germany and Britain main rocket engines on the US booster's second launch-pad will break the US-USSR shuttle that have generated test as Soviet engineers pre- domination of manned space most of the servicing delays, pared for a first launch up to flight. Ten different shuttle preventing regular flights. Earth orbit this month. craft could be in orbit by the

The giant new rocket gen- year 2010. erates about seven million The new craft carries pounds of thrust and ushers in The Soviet shuttle was first manoeuvring and re-entry en- a new era of space flight. Not spotted in 1977 being drop- gines and may also have small only will it launch giant Soviet tested from a Tupolev Tu-95 jets which permit it to fly space stations weighing up to "Bear" bomber. Then a large some distance after re-entry. 280 tonnes (nearly twice the runway, now complete, was In contrast, the US shuttle is a payload of Nasa's Saturn seen under construction at the glider with the flight Moon rocket), it will also act main Soviet manned launch characteristics (according to as the booster for the Soviet site. pilots) of a breeze block with space shuttle. *Snow Storm is slightly* only one try at landing. The

"Snow Storm", as the new smaller than the US shuttle, *Soviet shuttle will be able to* shuttle is known, could make mainly because it does not go round for another try. its first flight early next year, carry large rocket engines. Snow Storm's cargo bay is well before the first relaunch They are all built into the about four-fifths the size of the main booster rocket, which is US shuttle, but the craft is not rocket core with four large simply for launching satellites. engines, surrounded by a clus- The Soviet craft has been ter of up to eight strap-on designed mainly for military boosters. Its development has use and will launch surveil- been extremely cautious. The lance craft and carry sensitive strap-on boosters have been detectors for military projects. test-launched separately seven

The Russians have made no times in the past three years secret of the fact that even- and the whole combination tually they will dispense with has been undergoing count- the heavy-lift rocket and rely down tests on the launch pad instead on a large launch for 18 months. plane. This will be a rocket or

The Russians have cause to jet-powered flying tanker that be cautious. This new rocket is will take off horizontally from their second attempt to build a any long airfield and raise the heavy-lift booster. In the late shuttle and small booster 1960s, they developed a giant rockets to high altitudes. The rocket, code-name "Lenin", rockets would then ignite and for their lunar landing and carry the shuttle into orbit. space station ambitions. In

This ability will provide June 1969, a fire destroyed the immense flexibility and great prototype on the launch pad military advantages. US mili- during fuelling. A second tary shuttle launches can take rocket suffered engine failure *place only from Cape Canav-* in June 1971, and when it did eral in Florida or (if it is ever leave the ground two months commissioned) Vandenburgh later it exploded five miles up. Air Force Base in California. Both sites are vulnerable in wartime and their destruction would prevent the Americans lifting large payloads into space.

The Soviet heavy-lift booster consists of a central

'Russians have moved quietly into orbit'

In October 1972, a third Lenin went out of control and was destroyed nine miles up. The rocket was abandoned along with the Moon race.

The Soviet shuttle will probably not be manned during its first flight. Only after two or three trouble-free flights and perhaps a dozen successful flights of the booster will men fly the combination.

The shuttle's major task will be to service large space stations that will dwarf even the current Russian orbiting Mir station. But a second, much smaller Soviet shuttle could join its bigger sister on that job within a year or two. The Kosmolyot space plane is one of the intriguing mysteries of the Soviet space programme. One-third scale models of this mini shuttle were sent into orbit and recovered five times between June 1982 and July 1985.

But was this a trial for a full-sized space plane or was the craft simply testing re-entry tiles for the large Soviet shuttle? If it was simply a test craft, then why did the designers bother to build in pilot windows to perfect scale?

If it is a second shuttle, then it will probably be to ferry cosmonauts and technicians to and from the Soviet space stations, which, according to the Russians, would have permanent crews of between 20 and 30.

All these developments may give the impression of a sudden spurt in Soviet space activity, but that would be false. In reality, Russia has been outspending the United States in space for many years. It has been slow, steady research and development on a very wide front, involving few breakthroughs in technology. In America, space spending has been geared to major projects with technological leaps — the Moon race, the shuttle, the space station — that could inspire the enthusiasm of Congress, which holds the purse strings.

The Russian goal is to live and work in space, and their many and diverse projects are now coming together in an impressive way. The Americans may have launched more people into orbit but Russian cosmonauts have well over three times the space experience of their American counterparts. While Americans stagger from one major leap to another with inevitable problems and little long-term purpose, the Russians have moved quietly into orbit, equipping themselves with the hardware, know-how and the skills to exploit space to the full.

HOW THE SHUTTLES COMPARE

1988: USA. The US space shuttle could recommence launches by July 1988. Even so, the launches will be slow and cautious. The shuttle will never provide the cheap launches it was designed for.

1992: USSR. The Kosmolyot space plane could become the first passenger shuttle ferrying up to six people to and from permanently-manned space laboratories and manufacturing plants.

1995: JAPAN. The third nation into manned space flight is likely to be Japan with this 10-tonne, 2-4 man shuttle capable of launching just over a tonne of cargo. It will service Japanese space platforms and their manned module on the NASA space station. Almost certain to fly.

1995: CHINA. The Chinese, who are now number three in the space spending league, claim to be training astronauts and planning a shuttlecraft. Their rocket technology is ahead of the Soviet Union and on a par with Europe. They are probably planning a 15-tonne, 2-4 man shuttle launched with their Long March 3 rocket, uprated with large strap-on boosters. Very likely to fly.

1998: EUROPE or FRANCE. The French-designed Hermes mini-shuttle is being offered to the European Space Agency (ESA) as an addition to the Ariane 5 rocket which would launch it. France will go it alone if ESA rejects it. Weighing 21-24 tonnes, with a crew of 2-3 and a payload of up to three tonnes, it would service French or ESA space platforms and a manned module on NASA's space station. Almost certain to fly.

2002: USA. A second generation US Airforce shuttle is being planned for military use. A single-stage-to-orbit space plane with a crew of two and a 20-tonne payload, it has a simple and flexible design. As the US military becomes increasingly alienated by the main US space shuttle, a vehicle like Shuttle II becomes a necessity. Very likely to fly.

2010: EUROPE or GERMANY. The Saenger space plane is a small orbiter carried piggyback on a large launch plane. The orbiter is released at high altitude and continues into orbit where its two-man crew could deliver payloads of up to four tonnes. Saenger could be developed only as an ESA project but it looks ineffective compared with Britain's HOTOL launcher.

2010: EUROPE or UK-USA. The British Aerospace HOTOL space plane is a single-stage-to-orbit craft incorporating an air-breathing rocket engine. HOTOL would be an effective and cheap launcher of satellites by the year 2000. But a manned version could enter service by 2010, taking over from Hermes to service ESA space platforms and manned modules. If ESA rejects it, the UK will offer it as a joint UK-US project. Likely to fly if Rolls-Royce's secret engine delivers its promised performance.

2010: USA. Spacevan is one of the better private projects for building a small economical mini-shuttle using surplus military rockets, engines and other hardware. Developed by engineer Len Cormier, this shoestring shuttle would be carried aloft on top of a jumbo jet from Pago Pago in Samoa on the equator, where it would gain most from the Earth's rotation. At high altitude the two-man crew would fire the orbiter's rockets and push on into orbit with a three-tonne payload. Sooner or later private enterprise will break into space and this is one of the likeliest plans to succeed.

2025? The ultimate daytrip — a day in orbit aboard a passenger space plane currently looks more remote than it did when Arthur C. Clarke's film *2001 — A Space Odyssey* showed a Pan American space plane 18 years ago. But it will happen one day.

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Getaway!

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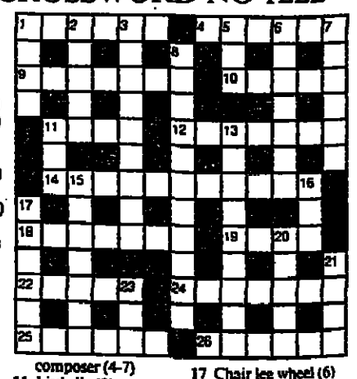


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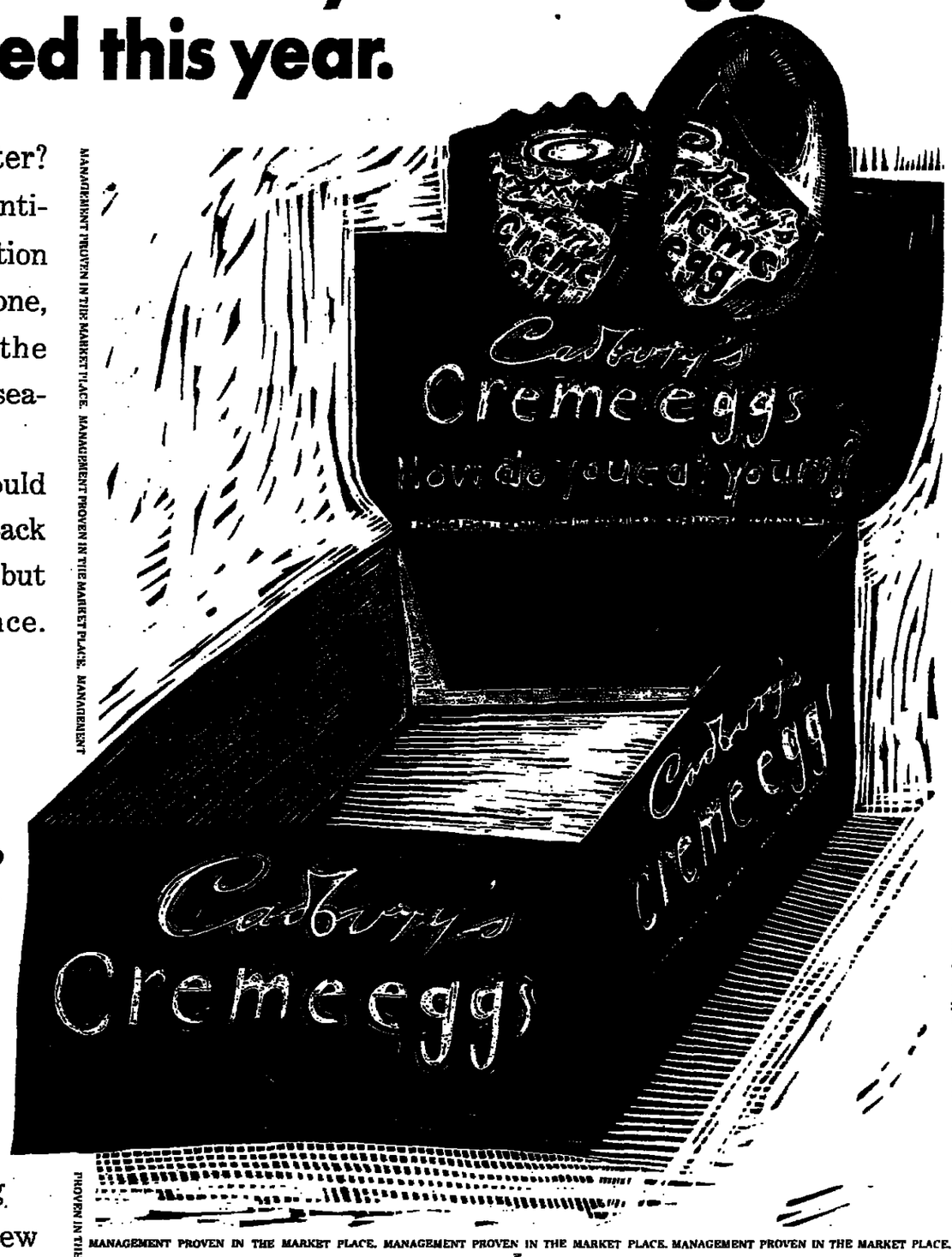
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So, as the brand became ever more available, it became less and less of a treat.

Clearly, something had to be done to keep the customers happy.

The similarity between eggs and strawberries.

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The first thing to do was recover any major pockets of stock still in the shops. Accordingly, in 1985, company representatives were sent out collecting eggs.

Then in 1986, working with the retail trade, a new marketing programme was devised. Its purpose was to generate early interest in the brand and ensure a sell-out by the end of the season.

Finally a new advertising campaign was needed to revitalise the brand's image and stimulate consumer demand. The account went to Gold Greenlees Trott, who came up with the now familiar "How do you eat yours?" theme. A double-headed campaign announcing, firstly, the eggs' return, Vern – and secondly, that they wouldn't last forever, Trevor.

Cracked it across the Atlantic.

Meanwhile the American side of the operation hadn't been idle. They too had come up with an award-winning advertising campaign.

It featured, of all things, a clucking bunny (obviously a persuasive little fellow if the 91 million eggs eaten last year are anything to go by).

Sunny side up.

The projected figures for '87 are also looking bright – up over 17% in the US (while over here we're going to add an extra 10 million to the 140 million eaten last year).

In both the UK and the US markets the profits rose and the brand maintained its position as number one in the Easter confectionery hit parade (not bad for a sixty four year old).

The future of the Creme Egg is now assured. Funds from the brand's improved performance are being invested in new plant which will lead to reduced costs, in turn leading to further improvement of the brand's performance. In other words, the sort of vicious circle no management team is afraid of.

As Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury says, "The Creme Egg story underlines our ability to keep our brands contemporary in their appeal. This process of revitalisation has led to the maximisation of both consumer satisfaction and company profitability."

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Not really helpful

The local authority union Nupe is hardly pulling out all the stops to combat Aids. It is strongly opposing a plan by Richmond council, in south-west London, to send some of the borough's 250 home helps on a course to learn how to *cope with housebound victims of* the virus. A Nupe branch official, John Berry, claims that the home helps will become a "cheap labour force who will be thrust into a field that they are not qualified for." Aids sufferers should be given proper hospital treatment, he says. The local social services department is adamant that the home helps would not be taught how to nurse sufferers: "They would give personal care; nursing duties would be left to people who are trained." The Alliance chairman of the council's social services committee, Dr Jenny Tonge, described the union claims as "rubbish."

Each way bet

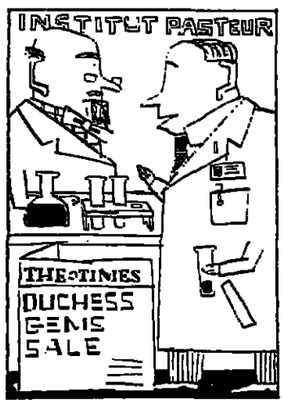
As punters prepare to lose their shirts on Aintree's annual assault course, there is confusion about whether tomorrow's race marks the 150th anniversary of the Grand National. Its 100th anniversary was celebrated in 1937, so one would imagine the 150th would fall tomorrow. In fact the official celebrations are next year, when a statue of Red Rum will be unveiled. Geoff Greetham, of the racing journal *Timeform*, tells me there has long been argument about whether the race was first run in 1837 or in 1839, when it gained the National title. Its sponsors, Seagram, seem just as muddled. They tell me: "We've worked it out by counting 1839 as year one – which means next year will be year 150. We won't be calling it the 150th anniversary though." Just as well, I'd say.

● As Alitalia pilots began industrial action in Rome this week, bringing chaos to several international services, the airline was advertising here under the headline: "A tale of the unexpected."

No respite

Not to be outdone by the honourable members for Moscow (Red Square) and Washington Central, David Steel was yesterday wooing national opinion-makers in Lisbon. Addressing the annual congress of the European Liberal, Democratic and Reform Parties on Alliance policies, Steel no doubt felt among friends – well away from, say, Norman Tebbit with whom he has recently repeatedly scrapped. But not so fast. I now discover that Tebbit was also in Portugal – taking a much needed break with his wife.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least we won't need a microscope to see the size of the cheque'

First hitch

The blossoming friendship between Mikhail and Margaret could be severely tried by a promise which the PM made to refusnik Rosa Ioffee at a breakfast meeting in Moscow earlier this week. Before leaving for Russia Mrs Thatcher was given a special preview of the Channel 4 film *No Exit*, on the plight of Soviet Jewry, in which Miss Ioffee appears. So impressed was she that she told Miss Ioffee she would see if a video could be sent to her. Whether *glasnost* will extend sufficiently to allow the import of a film so critical of the Kremlin that the production team remain anonymous is anybody's guess.

Falling...

The snubs dealt to Neil Kinnock in Washington were as nothing compared to what he went through on a visit to the Green Dragon Infant School in West London after he got back. Among the perfectly polite and pleasant children he met was an irrepressible and forthright five-year-old who demanded to be introduced. As Kinnock crouched down, the lad became greatly amused by the Labour leader's bald pate. "You look like an egg," he exclaimed. "You're Humpty-Dumpty!".

Cathay society

Trade minister Michael Howard ran into diplomatic problems when he advanced the date of a long-scheduled trip to Japan to tomorrow. With British Airways having no seat available for the late booking, it was suggested that he fly with Japan Air. Howard gently pointed out that since he was going to read the Japanese the riot act over trade restrictions, it would be somewhat inappropriate. And so it is that Howard will fly first class to Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific, then slum it, economy class, on another Cathay flight to Tokyo.

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Putting television in peril

Michael Grade, Director of Programmes, BBC TV, argues that the latest anti-obscenity moves in the Commons would be even more harmful than Winston Churchill's abortive bill

For the second time in a year Parliament is being asked to consider legislation to bring broadcasting under the provisions of the Obscene Publications Act. After Winston Churchill's bill of 1986 – complete with its famous laundry list of impermissible acts – comes a new attempt by Gerald Howarth. Where Mr Churchill failed, Mr Howarth may yet succeed. If he does, the damage to the arts generally, and British television in particular, will be worse than what would have followed last year's proposals.

Supporters of legislation claim that only the power of the law can protect the public from a tide of televisual filth and moral degradation. The opponents claim that the existing regulatory systems have proved effective for the maintenance of proper standards, that they have responded sensitively to changing public taste and have had the flexibility to foster genuine artistic talent and creativity.

Broadcasters, not unexpectedly, take the latter view. There is no *credible evidence of any general* public disquiet with the present arrangements. We see instead a highly vocal minority trying to impose on the silent majority a series of attitudes with which it patently does not agree. Ask the proposer of this bill (as I have done twice in public recently) to name *one* BBC production that has provoked this form of censorial legislation and you get no response. We have, on occasion, made errors of taste. But we do not believe that the invocation of law offers any benefit to the viewing public: it does the exact opposite.

The Howarth bill creates a crime of broadcasting (or even of simply *possessing* prior even to a decision to broadcast) any material which might cause "gross offence" to a "reasonable person". In the event of a successful prosecution, it provides for the destruction of *all film and tape* (and related materials) before or after transmission.

It is difficult to construct a more imprecise proposition. What a field day for the legal profession! Just who *is* that reasonable person? Mary Whitehouse? Dennis Potter? Where is he/she to be placed in the wide spectrum of the social, sexual and cultural mores to be found in our society? How deeply affected must his/her sensibilities be before they are deemed to be "grossly" offended?

How, indeed, is any broadcaster to know in advance, on the basis of these volatile and subjective tests of taste, whether he/she is about to commit a crime or not? The crime simply does not exist *until a jury has made its decision*, not on the basis of *actual harm* done or damage sustained, but on its collective *instinct* as to whether a hypothetical third party would have registered the gut response described as "gross offence".

The bill takes no account of the broadcasters' intentions, makes no provision for considering a programme in its entirety. Even a second or two – taken out of context in the manner of Mrs Whitehouse's House of Commons tapes – would be enough to establish "gross offence". Is there *really* such a tidal wave of pornography on our screens to justify such clumsy and repressive legislation? Is the public so discomfited that it will willingly pay the inevitable price of bowdlerization and timidity?

For make no mistake, this imprecise and catch-all bill would *inhibit creativity far beyond the* proscription of the two or three notorious late-night Channel 4 films which are adduced as evidence each time the subject is debated. Broadcasters daily make responsible decisions on what to transmit based on guidelines borne of experience. Violence, drug abuse and sex are all part of our society and are sometimes reflected in both factual and fictional programmes. The proposed law, with its loose and subjective test, will severely circumscribe the handling of these matters, however relevant, however properly, carefully and contextually treated. Can we really afford the artistic, cultural and informational desert which would result? No *I Claudius*, no *Singing Detective*, no *Jewel In The Crown*?

Some have argued that the Director of Public Prosecutions would prevent frivolous or vexatious litigation. I believe, however, that a newly-minted law on the statute book must lead to a number of test cases. There would be a period of uncertainty awaiting the outcome. There would be further uncertainty and confusion as different juries, with different tastes and attitudes, delivered different and contradictory verdicts on what they considered grossly offensive.

The advent of new television services, some argue, requires "backstop" legislation to safeguard the public where traditional regulation no longer operates. If that is so, Mr Howarth's bill is a most imperfect solution to a problem yet to emerge, at the price of causing lasting damage to the programming which the public now enjoys.

It is, in short, a dangerous bill that addresses a problem discerned by only a small minority and would severely diminish the freedom of British audiences to enjoy broadcast television in all its *infinite variety*. Mr Howarth and his supporters think television is tasteless. If they get their way it will have no taste at all.

Roger Boyes on Vatican pressure for the whiff of scandal to be cleared



Archbishop Marcinkus with the Pope and Dr Robert Runcie during the papal visit to Canterbury in 1982

Can the Pope go on shielding his gorilla?

Rome

If the way to the heart of the Vatican is through its stomach then the news is not good. At Roberto's and Marcello's and other favourite eating places of the Vatican managers, there's a great deal of tut-tutting about Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the rugged Vatican banker who should be in disgrace but who, thanks to papal support, is not.

Criticism of Pope John Paul's *handling of the lingering* Marcinkus-Calvi scandal and the whole tangled question of Vatican finance has now spread beyond the disgruntled US and West German episcopates to the Curia, that band of bustling clerics who normally parade their loyalty. "The Holy Father must give up the 'gorilla'," says one priest, using Marcinkus's nickname, "otherwise his authority will diminish among the simple faithful."

Marcinkus is accused by the Italian authorities of helping to engineer fake bankruptcies and cheat the creditors of the Banco Ambrosiano. Since the middle of February there has been a warrant for his arrest but, having cleared out his Rome apartment, he has not strayed beyond the Vatican's protective walls. The Italian justice ministry is working on extradition proceedings but the Pope says he will not yield the Chicago-born financier.

To many the scandal reached a grisly high point when the corpse of Marcinkus's banking colleague, Roberto Calvi, was found in 1982 swinging from a girder of Blackfriars Bridge in London. The ensuing revelations seemed to produce enough dirty linen to last a decade: about right-wing Freemasons, about bankers who dealt with both Mafia and Vatican, and the possibility that Calvi's apparent suicide was murder.

The roar and rattle of the scandal seemed to die down, but the Italian investigating magistrates did not let go. Four years of research and much travel to the centres of banking secrecy produced new evidence to justify old suspicions about Marcinkus's connection with the Banco Ambrosiano. In Luxemburg they sifted through the records of Manic Holding SA, which was the beneficiary of most of the loans of the Banco Ambrosiano group and which sheltered a stable of dummy companies that lent and borrowed from one another.

Loans to a number of these dummy companies, based in Panama, were backed by the Vatican bank, the IOR (Instituto per le Opere di Religione, or Institute of Religious Works). Creditors were much reassured to receive letters signed by two top executives of the IOR (Luigi Mennini and Pellegrino de Strobel – both also sought by the police and thought to be inside the Vatican) giving backing to more than $1 billion of loans. Marcinkus admits giving the "letters of patronage" to Calvi but says he did so in good faith.

The investigators say there is evidence that Marcinkus knew of the financial conditions of the Banco Ambrosiano and hint also that the Vatican bank profited by the fraud. A secret letter sent from Calvi to Marcinkus is said to have released the Vatican bank from any liability.

The "letters of patronage" are only a small part of the fraud and the Vatican involvement runs deeper still, according to the magistrates, who say that the trial, later this year, will probably involve some three dozen defendants. If necessary Marcinkus will be tried in his absence.

The archbishop has already denied his part in the scandal, but clearly there is a case to answer. Senior foreign clergy who recently visited the Pope argue strongly that the Pontiff must employ his own brand of *glasnost*. By all means, they say, defend Marcinkus (and the consensus in church circles seems to be that the archbishop was trying merely to be clever, slipped and was duped) but in the meantime remove him from the running of the Vatican bank. The Pope, say the critics, thinks that to remove the archbishop would be an admission of guilt. But the real effect is to block a complete overhaul of how the Vatican runs its financial empire.

The Vatican bank really is a bank: it has computers and tills and tellers where Vatican residents cash their cheques and can move funds, unobserved by the Italian authorities, in and out of the country. It also manages a large investment portfolio and maintains stakes in a number of companies.

The IOR is effectively one of the most important economic players in the Italian economy. Vatican bankers have a great deal of freedom: that, coupled with the ability to move unchecked money *out of Italy, puts many temptations* in their way.

The Pope's banker must have unblemished integrity, but since Marcinkus took over in 1969 there have been many slip-ups. There was for example the collapse of the banking empire of Michele Sindona, a key financial adviser to Marcinkus. The Vatican lost about $30 million after that crash. In March last year, Sindona, by then linked with criminal and political scandals, was found dead in a high security jail after drinking a cup of coffee.

As a result of the Calvi affair the IOR agreed to pay – out of moral rather than legal obligation – $250 million to Ambrosiano's creditors, a small fraction of the lost money.

The IOR handles the big money deals and is separate from the running of the Vatican City. This latter operation relies for its income on postage stamps, museum entry fees and "Peter's Pence", the contribution from foreign churches. From this rather meagre income it has to run the Curia, Vatican Radio, maintain the 109 acres of Vatican territory and finance the Vatican diplomatic mission. But the IOR scandal naturally has an effect on the other Vatican balance sheet by discouraging Catholics from paying their Peter's Pence.

The US and West Germany are the biggest contributors to the upkeep of the Vatican and that *gives them some influence in* calling for reform – and for the removal of Marcinkus. But reform of the bank is the most pressing issue and the Pope does not seem disposed to tackle it, caring little for finance.

Closer co-operation with the Italian Central Bank is one possibility, for it would make overseas transfers appear less clandestine. But there is resistance to this in the Curia, which still equates secrecy with sovereignty. None the less it is significant that many of the priests in the Curia who at first supported the Pope's decision to protect Marcinkus – on the grounds of corporate loyalty – now think that the time has come to make some concessions to the Italian authorities.

This is based on a simple calculation: the power of the Vatican is not in its investment portfolio but in its Pope, and it is he, it appears, who has most to lose by maintaining a blemished bank or protecting its chief.

Why we can't leave it to the landlord

After concentrating on home ownership for the past eight years, government ministers concerned with housing are now turning their attention to the rented sector. Increasingly they envisage an end to the leading role of local councils in providing rented housing and a reversal in the 40-year decline of private rented accommodation.

Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, wants to "exorcise the ghost of Rachman", the slum landlord of the 1960s, while John Patten, the housing minister, speaks of "new model landlords" such as housing associations, building societies and trusts, financed by pension funds and similar institutions.

There is fairly widespread agreement that the private rented sector has some role to play. For example, there is cross-party support for the assured tenancy scheme, part of the 1980 Housing Act, which sought to stimulate new investment in private rented housing. (This experiment was not a success, mainly because Nigel Lawson's 1984 budget phased out the capital allowances which were its main attraction to investors).

Current Conservative thinking goes much further. After the general election – assuming a Tory victory – the government proposes that private landlords will take over many of the functions now exercised by local councils. The fact that such an idea can even be seriously contemplated is partly a consequence of council housing's poor image – an image, in fact, which is far from justified. The problems of crisis management in a few areas disguise the fact that most council housing departments provide a reasonable service and that three quarters of tenants, according to a survey last year by the Building Societies Association, are satisfied with their housing. Moreover, between 1975 and 1986 the *proportion expressing* outright dissatisfaction fell from 17 per cent to 11 per cent.

Many problems of council housing departments are the result of the wider range of responsibilities with which they have had to cope since the late 1960s. Councils now have a legal duty to house certain categories of homeless people – in 1985 more than 100,000 households – and they are shouldering the main burden of rehousing inmates of the large institutions for the mentally ill and the mentally and physically handicapped which are being closed under the government's "care in the community" policy. Council housing is also increasingly in demand because of the rise in the divorce rate and the number of elderly people living alone.

At the same time a major part of the cuts in public expenditure over the last 10 years has fallen on the *housing programme. Public capital* expenditure on housing in 1984-85 was only one third of its 1974-75 peak in real terms.

But private renting cannot be the entire answer. Most potential tenants are too poor to pay the sort of rents which would make it a commercial proposition, and the minority who could afford them *would generally be better off by* becoming owner occupiers. Overcoming these problems would therefore mean either large indirect subsidies to private landlords via the housing benefit system or removing the financial advantages of owner occupation. At the very least, that would mean abolition of mortgage interest tax relief, a proposal unlikely to be given pride of place in any party's election manifesto.

Looking to the private sector to solve the problems of rented housing is asking it to perform a role for which it is not adequate. The essence of a private sector solution is that it allows market mechanisms to operate. This is fine when consumers wield some economic power or, in the case of students, are more concerned about cheapness and convenience than quality and security. But for everyone else the unchecked free *market produces housing of an* unacceptably low quality.

For example, the private sector response to homelessness in London can be seen in the rapid growth of bed-and-breakfast "hotels" – the slum housing of the 1980s, ironically often located in the same areas as Rachman's property empire.

The *private rented sector does* have a long-term role, but it is relatively small and would cater mainly for younger, better-off people, especially those whose work requires a degree of mobility. For others obliged to rent, the leading role must still be taken by that unfashionable institution, the local authority, working with its natural partner, the housing associations.

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David Watt

Old fashioned, and proud of it

This column, which first appeared on January 3 last year, summed up the political philosophy of its author, who died last Friday.

Early in 1985, when I wrote a column attacking the government's policy in a controversial field, a friend mentioned the piece, and his agreement with it, to the permanent secretary of the department concerned. The mandarin replied, with an air of regret that managed to be both charitable and dismissive: "Ah yes. But David is an old-fashioned sort of chap."

Well, I suppose it happens to all of us in the end. I have not, at 53, quite reached the age when all permanent secretaries begin to look young, but looking old-fashioned to permanent secretaries is no doubt the stage before it. I have been sufficiently shaken to ask myself, as a New Year exercise, whether the charge is true and, if so, if there is anything I should do about it.

A literal-minded defence is not too hard to construct. For am I not the very model of a modern communicator? I watch television; I zoom around the world in 747s; I keep up with the political gossip of dozens of countries; I am instructed by my children in "teenspeak" and the finer points of the charts. Am I not the possessor of a computer which I have learnt how to manipulate for all sorts of professional purposes? Can I not summon up a vast library of facts on my desk at the touch of a button?

"Yes," replies the disembodied voice from Whitehall, "but your mind is irredeemably stuck in the 1960s and a lot of your attitudes in the 19th century. You are an élitist with a typically useless Oxbridge classical education. You belong to a class and a generation that cannot understand the ruthless, competitive modern world.

"You are hung up on all sorts of *outdated bien-pensant* notions like the welfare state and consensus politics and the Robbins report and the Atlantic community and the European ideal and economic aid to the Third World. You sometimes sound like Ted Heath, for God's sake! Your sort made up the old Establishment, and a right mess you made of it. Thank heavens Mrs Thatcher and her lot came and swept you all away."

There are a lot of possible replies to this list of crimes, ranging from, "Well, there were some aspects of the welfare state I never approved of" to "You're from the same background as me, Mr Permanent Secretary, and you used to say and stand for most of the things that I do until self-interest caused you to adopt the Prime Minister's coloration."

But these do not really take the argument much further. We have all, in fact, had to change our tunes drastically in the last 20 years – partly because of Britain's continued economic weakness, partly because of changes in the international environment, and partly (to be fair) because the Thatcher "revolution" has carried conviction in some respects; the initial shake-up in British industry and the reform of trade union law being the most obvious.

The important question is not so much which "old fashioned" (i.e., unfashionable) opinions and attitudes should be thrown out as *which ones still deserve to be* rescued from the Thatcherite holocaust. A full answer to this question could only emerge over many articles, but my New Year reply comes under three summary headings, corresponding to three guiding principles of my youth.

● **Pragmatism:** One of the objects of the traditional British middle-class "generalist" education was to instil the kind of self-confident scepticism that would enable a man to make reliable practical judgements. The concept of "reliability" was limited in some ways by cultural conformity and imperial necessity; and of course it was not thought, until very late in the day, that women might need the same qualities. But still, the system at its best taught people to stand on broad general principles, to clear their minds of cant, to be suspicious of ideology and ready-made solutions, and to look first for the answer that would work, even if consistency had to be invented afterwards.

In spite of all the contemptuous labels that have been hung round *its neck in the past few years* – "opportunism", "cynicism", "superficiality", "lack of conviction", "wetness" and so forth – this commonsensical frame of mind, which naturally tends to centrism, has preserved us from extremism and folly in the past, and the lack of it has been the most dangerous deficiency of the present government.

● **Responsibility:** Our class system is dying, but only a very large, rich country can maintain stability and efficiency without some kind of élite, preferably as open as possible to talent, but still confident of its abilities and legitimacy. One of our problems is that our élite has lost that confidence, and many of those who have pulled and are *pulling it down* have neither the real self-confidence nor the instinctive "feel" to take its place.

A meritocracy should try to preserve at least some of the virtues of the old paternalism, including the preservation of "high culture" and the operation of such ancient rules of thumb as "*wealth is a trust*", "*power means* responsibility", "see the men are fed first" and "leadership is one part decision, one part persuasion and one part example".

● **Internationalism:** British pragmatism has prevented us ever becoming quite so hooked on international rules as the Americans at their most moralistic, but there was a rough consensus, during the 20 post-war years in which my opinions on these matters were formed, around a self-interested large-mindedness in British foreign policy. We recognized, by and large, that for a country as economically vulnerable as our own, an orderly retreat from empire, participation in an open and *generous international* economic regime, a maximization of intangible cultural and historic assets, and a judicious trading of notional independence for real influence, first with America and later with Europe, were in order.

Nobody need pretend either that we have always lived up to these principles, or that the *present government has entirely* abandoned them. But we often seem to me to be even crazier in our weakness than the Americans are in their strength to exchange "old-fashioned" outward-lookingness for self-deceiving nationalism and catchpenny isolation.

I can foresee that all three of these principles will come under fierce attack in 1986 – from pre-election populism, from protectionism, from sheer shortage of cash. But I am equally sure that anyone who unrepentantly proclaims their validity in January 1987 will still have the present and the future, as well as the past, on his side.

Henry Stanhope

Sunflowers in suburbia

Visitors to our bathroom within the next few days who notice the painting of Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* on the wall should know that I am not the "anonymous buyer" who paid £24,750,000 for it at Christie's on Monday. Mine came free with *Encounter* magazine 27 years ago (I think one paid postage and packing) and was framed for 12s 6d in a shopping *arcade in Cardiff*.

I never saw it as a hedge against inflation. It was rather a manifestation of my L-shaped room phase, that period sandwiched between maternal and matrimonial care when one had to make such decisions on one's own. They were wild and dangerous days.

I've never liked the picture very much. As a painting of sunflowers it is, I admit, pretty fine. Nor, one should understand, have I anything against Van Gogh. It is just that sunflowers, seem, well . . . rather limiting.

As a picture mine has lasted pretty well. For the first six months it smothered a yellowing wall of my Cardiff bed-sit, above a *sideboard of astonishing* size and ugliness. It then accompanied me to London – propped up in the back seat of my Ford, wrapped in old clothes for protection. It subsequently bloomed in Hammersmith, Islington, Chelsea and Putney before taking final root in suburban Surrey without showing any sign of premature wilting.

It has lost its prime place in the household, being transferred through a succession of picture-hooks from the sitting room to the dining room, from the dining room to the main bedroom, from the main bedroom to the second *bedroom, from the second bed*room to the third bedroom, from the third bedroom to the kitchen . . . It now occupies a wall above the bath, concealing a patch where I once discovered that sticking on tiles is much more difficult than it looks.

It is not quite alone. Above the radiator opposite is Vermeer's *View of Delft*, which dates from roughly the same period in the owner's development as a collector of bargain prints; and an Avercamp, *Winter Scene with Skaters* – reduced by the National Gallery, in one of its weaker moments, from £4 4s to £3 15s. (It seemed a substantial investment at the time). Together they make an interesting collage of Dutch artists.

I don't know how to put this gently to the anonymous buyer at Christie's, but the truth of the matter is that one eventually grows tired of *Sunflowers*. I suppose one might get tired of almost anything in time, from *The Adoration of the Magi* to *The Night Watch*. But I would venture to suggest that one gets tired of looking at *Sunflowers* much more quickly. It is rather like comparing a recital of German *lieder* with the Ring cycle. As a spectacle it does not have a great deal to offer.

However, I welcome the Christie's buyer to the club of *Sunflowers* owners and hope he will enjoy his acquisition. He may in time start wondering what possessed him. But he will never want to lose it, come what may. Try hanging it in the sitting room first of all – then move it round to match the curtains or cover a patch on the wall. I'm sure that's what Van Gogh had in mind.

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A LIGHT IN ZAGORSK

In July 1985 Mrs Thatcher spoke to an American audience about Mr Gorbachov's attitude to Soviet public relations. "New techniques are bound to be employed in a massive propaganda offensive aimed at public opinion in our countries," she said. "Would that we could get through as easily to theirs."

Less than two years later she has made an unprecedented presentation to the Soviet public of herself, of her country and of western democratic philosophy. The morale and moral standing of all three has benefited from the remarkable events in Moscow, Zagorsk and Tbilisi.

She has pitted her voluntary personal belief (almost messianic as it must have seemed to the Soviets) against a system which has no place for belief. She brought a challenge to communism's mechanistic claims to truth. She laid that challenge not only before a new leader, whose doubts about his inheritance are well known, but before the Soviet people whose awakening has yet to take place.

Yesterday in the House of Commons she came back down to earth. Politicians and pundits decried the lack of substance from the talks, pointed out that the trade deals were imprecise, the cultural agreements perfunctory and that progress on arms control must await the less glamourous arrival in Moscow of the United States Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, in 10 days time.

Her critics were, indeed, right to point out the present dangers; the prospect of an arms deal on intermediate nuclear forces with only the bare promise of a deal on short range missiles; the even more uncertain prospect of British super-power arbitration on chemical weapons; the still hesitant signals on the Strategic Defence Initiative. It would be wrong, however, simply to blink, rub our eyes and wonder whether the fairy coaches of Moscow — the walk-abouts, the limousines, the golden chairs — ever really existed. For the resonance from Mrs Thatcher's visit may turn out to be much longer lasting than any of the detailed negotiations that must follow.

On behalf of the West as a whole the Prime Minister won a battle in a war which has long been going wrong. The free world needs to to be self-confident in its will for peace as well as determined to defend its liberties. Yet its European leaders have not persuaded their own peoples that this is so. Moscow is seen by too many as peace city, Washington as war town. By talk rather than negotiation, by philosophy rather than force, Mrs Thatcher has made a unique contribution to righting that balance.

It seems at first bizarre that this could have occurred. This week's long Kremlin meetings have sometimes seemed strangely implausible, as though Hitler had sat discussing Hegel with Sir Winston Churchill or Elizabeth I had read Shakespeare with Philip of Spain. Various theories have been adopted, that Mrs Thatcher was merely the lackey of a lamed President, that Mr Gorbachov wanted a dress rehearsal for future summits with Mr Reagan or his successor.

Yet such explanations have to be wrong. In a world with intense superpower rivalry, backed by billions of tonnes of high explosive, no Soviet or United States leader should risk such an intellectual roughhouse with his opposite number. Equally well, no superpower leader wastes his time on a well-informed nobody.

Mrs Thatcher was the right person, in the right place at the right time. Before the visit took place it was clear that if the "chemistry" between them were also right, it would be a wonderful opportunity for international understanding. If it were not, then Mr Gorbachov had not insulted his enemy, only his enemy's friend. Mrs Thatcher saw the opportunity and the risk — and took both.

On behalf of Britain, the outcome has been still more potent. Throughout her premiership Mrs Thatcher has struggled to hold the country's head high abroad despite the burden left by decades of relative industrial decline. Before she came to power in 1979, Sir Nicholas Henderson, British ambassador in France, said in a valedictory letter to the Foreign Office that "today, we are not only no longer a world power, but we are no longer in the first rank even as a European power".

Such a remark could hardly be made with such mandarin confidence today. And the reason cannot be just Britain's economic recovery (which is still in its infancy), nor even the Prime Minister's forceful playing of her diplomatic hand (which from Zimbabwe to Hong Kong has been marked by a realistic appreciation of *force majeure*).

The added ingredient is the the Prime Minister's intense belief in herself, in basic British values and in her mission to persuade others of her case. This has not always won friends for Britain. But it has found admirers; and the British people should thank her for that.

Will they thank her at the polls? With the benefit of hindsight the visit to Moscow does not seem so extraordinary a political gamble as it did when it was first conceived. Before the last election she made a spectacular trip to the Falklands in order to present an image of success through strength following the victory against Argentina. In the run up to the coming election she will certainly have wanted to show the results of her policies on a bigger stage, to turn round the falling poll ratings concerning her "ability in a crisis" and her "understanding of world problems".

But to do so in Moscow, to ask Mr Gorbachov to provide the back cloth to her third election campaign? The first discussions cannot have been easy ones. It is true that during the preparations for Moscow, fortune turned in her favour. The outcome can only boost her prospects for the election (whenever it comes) and her morale for the business of government in the coming months. But the original risk must not be forgotten.

She took herself into a hostile world and delivered a lecture full of truth, belief and hope. In a church at Zagorsk she also lit a candle whose symbolism was considered offensive by her hosts and gauche by some of her companions. It is too early to judge the effect of her visit inside the Soviet Union, but this tiny light in a great totalitarian gloom may yet be the most lasting legacy of a most remarkable week.

HOW TO STOP GAZUMPING

In the south-east, at least, the housing market is enjoying another extraordinary boom. Prices are rising fast, ever more property appears to be changing hands and would-be lenders are queuing to offer easy mortgages. Yet there seems to be no corresponding increase in the efficiency of this enormous and famously lucrative market. According to the latest survey by the Consumers Association magazine *Which?*, one in three agreed transactions breaks down before it can be consummated.

Deals take as long as ever to move from agreement on price to exchanging the keys. And the obnoxious practice known as "gazumping" — reneging on an agreed sale in favour of a higher subsequent offer — has returned.

There is nothing new about the problems of housing chains. But they used to become most entangled when interest rates were rising and building societies chose to ration credit by queue or by size rather than by price. Ever longer chains breaking down in confusion were a reliable warning that the market was turning temporarily sour.

That is no longer an excuse. Rising competition from banks and specialist commercial lenders has long since obliged building societies to abandon queues and vie with each other to lend with the minimum of fuss and restraint — albeit at higher interest rates. The conveyancing monopoly has been eased and there are even agencies to bypass chains with specialised finance.

The natural tendency of individuals to vacillate over such important personal transactions cannot be entirely to blame for the problems. There must surely be more than a suspicion that the inefficiency of the market stems from the legal structures in which it operates.

As in other legal matters, the Scots look at housing market problems south of the border with a well-merited sense of superiority. Under the Scottish system, the process of buying and selling houses is more formal but appears to be easier as a result.

Once a bid has been made and accepted in writing, there is deemed to be a contract. And, where there are rival buyers, the highest bid submitted wins. Gazumping is therefore neither necessary for the vendor to obtain the best price nor possible, since it would evoke a claim for damages. This is fairer to both sides, as well as apparently speeding up the process once a price has been agreed.

Clearly, it also gives buyer or seller less room for manoeuvre if something else goes wrong. Objectors south of the border suggest this would make it unsuitable for a market where home ownership rates are much higher, conditions change faster and chains are more complex. A more straightforward complaint, perhaps, is that the system is too lucrative for surveyors, who need to be used earlier, and is therefore expensive for failed bidders.

The Law Commission for England and Wales searched for an alternative and came up with a voluntary system of 0.5 per cent deposits payable by both sides on a price as soon as it was agreed. Deposits would be forfeited to either party if the other unreasonably withdrew. This would diminish rather than abolish gazumping and looks too modest a reform to have much effect, especially in a voluntary form.

Mr John Heddle's private member's Bill, due to be debated today, would improve matters by making deposits compulsory. It has only a modest chance of reaching the statute book. But it could serve the useful function of opening up the debate on house market law.

That debate must centre on a choice between flexibility (but also uncertainty) on one side and fairness and efficiency on the other. If the public really wants a more efficient market, it would be possible to improve on the Scottish system. An unconnected earlier attempt at reform proposed that houses should be sold with a vendor's survey attached, and this vendor's survey might be legally required to be accurate.

This could tighten up some current malpractices by aggressive estate agents. If it were combined with the Scottish contract system, the process of buying and selling houses could be fairer, faster and probably cheaper too.

Teaching and research

From Dr W. M. O. Moore

Sir, Commenting on the proposal of the Warden of Keble College, Oxford, that some universities should be stripped of their automatic right to research funding and become instead institutions primarily for the teaching of students, you advised (March 27) the universities not to claim such automatic funding by insisting on some mystical necessary connection between research and teaching. The reality of this connection for academic clinical medicine, aptly described by Jack Muser, First Director of the National Institute of Health USA in 1952, is that hospitals with long traditions of excellence have demonstrated abundantly that research enhances the vitality of teaching. teaching lifts the standard of service to patients, and service opens new avenues of investigation.

Fortunately, the connections between research, teaching and patient care have long been recognized by Regional Health Authorities who, in spite of current financial restraint, have prudently maintained their funding for locally organized clinical research.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. O. MOORE
University of Manchester,
Saint Mary's Hospital,
Manchester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidelights on the Thatcher visit

From the Director of the National Theatre

Sir, Mrs Thatcher's trip to Russia has clearly wrought in her a wonderful and welcome change. Either that, or it has had the effect of stimulating her to reveal a side of her character so far hidden. What else can we make of her sudden enthusiasm for culture, widely publicised from Moscow; in particular her enthusiastic promotion of an "art-swap" deal between Britain and the USSR?

Nor was her apparent U-turn the only thing that caused surprise. British organisations reported as taking part in the deal were, it seems, astonished to read that visits they themselves had set up (or in some cases knew nothing about) were, by implication, the work of an enlightened State.

The truth is that these visits to and from Russia are usually arranged with a lot of financial help from the USSR and from private sources here, but very little indeed from the British Government.

Here is an example. The Mayakovsky company is coming to the NT in October, and the National Theatre company, on its part, is negotiating to go to Moscow next year. These exchange visits will cost at least £500,000 in all. Towards this we have had about £12,500 from Visiting Arts (effectively the Foreign Office) for the Mayakovsky visit; and on past experience we will be lucky if we receive more than a similarly small contribution from the Government when we ourselves tour to Russia.

The policies of this Government have starved the performing arts of funds. All four of the country's cultural flagships — the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company), ROH (Royal Opera House), ENO (English National Opera) and the NT — are already in appalling financial trouble or are likely to be soon. Yet Mrs Thatcher has not hesitated to use us proudly abroad, making much diplomatic mileage out of our reputation.

Can we hope that this was not propaganda only; that our Prime Minister means it when she demonstrates, as she did this week, how valuable the arts are, not only culturally but politically? Opening the State purse just a fraction more would be to the Treasury as a drop from the ocean. But to us it could signal the end of most painful struggling and the beginning, at last, of full production.

Yours etc,
PETER HALL, Director,
National Theatre,
South Bank, SE1.

From Mr Joe Haines

Sir, If, as your correspondent reports today, I looked increasingly glum this week in Moscow, it was not, as he suggests, at Mrs Thatcher's "personal success" but at the suspension of all critical faculties by journalists whose main source of information (Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary) was also the source of their special privileges.

Yours sincerely,
JOE HAINES,
Mirror Group Newspapers,
Holborn Circus, EC1.
April 2.

From Mr Keith Auton

Sir, Thatcher 1, Kinnock 0.

Yours etc,
K. AUTON
5 Humberstone Road,
Andover, Hampshire.

Drugs saving

From Sir Archibald P. Hope

Sir, Sadly the report (March 24) by your Science Correspondent on the effects of the "selected list" procedure does not tell the whole story. There are a number of patients for whom at least one of the prescribed drugs is literally vital, i.e., a matter of life or death. My wife was one of these.

What must be introduced is some form of appeal mechanism to deal with individual cases which the DHSS refuse to consider, despite the assurances given to Parliament and to the public that an alternative exists for all drugs on the banned list.

This is not true, as I know to my cost and as the DHSS have admitted to me in writing.

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD P. HOPE,
The Manor House,
Somerford Keynes,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
March 27.

From Lord Northfield

Sir, A member of your political staff has today (April 1) repeated in your columns a misleading story about the Bill which I am sponsoring to repeal pharmaceutical "licences of right" which allow copying of certain products in the last four years of their patent life.

The story is misleading because, first, it has failed to report the Government statement refuting the wild figures, put about by two copyist companies that oppose the Bill, concerning its possible cost to the National Health Service. Instead of the often-quoted £100million or more, Government figures given by a minister to the House on March 19, 1987, indicate a possible cost of £1million or £1.5million inside an NHS medicines bill of £1,800million — "a sum that is within the normal area of tolerance" of the price regulation scheme.

Second, in repeating my own position as an adviser to a pharmaceutical company, the story once again fails to point out that, as I reported to the House, the Government specifically requested me in writing to introduce this Bill, in order to redeem their promise made last year.

The Government has accepted that pharmaceutical patent life is now gravely eroded by years needed to test medicines before they can be marketed and that this copying is now more than ever unfair and is a potential deterrent to research in this country.

Yours faithfully,
NORTHFIELD,
House of Lords.
April 1.

Life in Romania

From Mr Ion Ratiu

Sir, "Nowhere is the harshness of the regime more clearly shown than in the treatment of Romania's Hungarian-speaking minority in Transylvania", writes Alan Beith, MP (March 16).

Yes, there is. It is the non-communist ethnic Romanians who suffer incomparably more persecution than their Hungarian-speaking fellow-countrymen. For every Hungarian there are at least 200 Romanians persecuted, as Amnesty International will bear out. Keston College will testify that the Romanian Baptists, Pentecostals, and Seventh Day Aadventists, etc, are under constant governmental pressure, and that the Catholic Uniates, numbering more than the whole of Romania's Hungarian population, cannot worship at all in public as they, officially, no longer exist.

In Cluj (Kolozsvár) there are five Hungarian and only three Romanian publications; there are four bishops, only one of whom is Romanian. There are seven fully-fledged Hungarian theatres and an opera in Transylvania, the same as for a Romanian population three times as large.

Indeed, one is grateful to Richard Bassett's straight reporting (February 27) of the miserable life that has to be endured in Romania today, by all citizens, regardless of their ethnic belonging.

Yours faithfully,
ION RATIU,
54-62 Regent Street, W1.
March 25.

A nurse remembers

From Mrs M. K. Moore

Sir, Is it not rather sad that some of the great London teaching hospitals are phasing out their very distinctive nursing uniforms and caps and replacing them with the national nurse uniform?

When I was a nurse in London, we were fiercely proud and proprietorial of our own hospital's uniform with its particular idiosyncrasies. Lilac stripes, white spots and leg-of-mutton sleeves were but a few examples of the right variety.

The caps especially were loved by us and admired by the patients and public. Many an awkward moment was saved by a remark made appertaining to one's cap and laughter then ensued, breaking the ice and perhaps helping to relax an anxious patient.

I remember regretting the decision in my particular hospital to dispense with "strings". This was a little starched bow worn beneath the chin and secured firmly atop the head under a starched and bobbing white cap with a tail. One strove to attain these strings as they denoted seniority; indeed they could be removed for serious misdemeanour and would have to be won back.

A small price to pay was the hard skin that developed under the chin from the continual rubbing of the starched linen and the bald patch on the crown resulting from kirby-grip anchorage.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MOORE,
Harrow Farm,
Brock Hill,
Wickford,
Essex.

Distress signals

From Councillor Dr Pauline K. Mansell

Sir, In the course of my civic duties (as a district councillor) I have to drive across the New Forest alone at night and I live in constant fear of breaking down.

There are no telephones, no AA boxes, no houses. No woman in her senses would start to walk for help, nor would she stop a passing motorist — that way madness lies.

So what does one do? On one occasion I tried sounding the SOS on my horn — but this led to a series of signals from passing (and accelerating) males which were of a rude if not actually obscene nature.

Surely someone somewhere could devise a simple signal which would indicate, "I am in trouble; can you please send help"?

Yours,
PAULINE K. MANSELL,
Lilac Cottage, Burgate Cross,
Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Taking steps

From Mrs Michael Gordon

Sir, Your photograph yesterday (March 24) of a drawing for the £3,000million dockland scheme shows a charming garden, inaccessible to the multitude who, like me, are disabled. Could another few pounds be raised to provide a banister rail to the steps?

And could this become an essential requisite in all architectural developments, particularly those competing for golden medals?

Yours truly,
AYLWARD GORDON,
18 Arun Prospect,
Pulborough, West Sussex.

Tibet scene in false colours

From Mr Kelsang Rapton Frasi

Sir, As a refugee from Chinese-occupied Tibet, I welcome Mr J. Billington's timely letter of March 18, and I would like to add one or two more points to those he has raised.

Since the "liberalisation policy" towards Tibet, proclaimed by the Chinese in 1979, their handling of Tibetan affairs has become increasingly sophisticated, so that the real motives of Chinese policy in Tibet are not easily apparent.

Since 1979, Tibetans from Tibet have been allowed to visit relatives exiled in India and Nepal, but it is not generally realised that always one relative is kept behind in Tibet by the Chinese as a hostage. Hospitals, new housing and leisure centres have been opened, but the Chinese impose so many restrictions for them that only the Chinese and a few of their Tibetan collaborators qualify to use them.

A few of Tibet's many monasteries and temples (destroyed and defiled by the Chinese) are being rebuilt or restored, but to restore a temple without care and respect for it as a religious place does not make it a temple, nor to place a man with a shaven head, wearing monks' robes, inside a token monastery make him a monk. Buddhist monks, like the practitioners of all religions, need years of dedicated study and discipline for the practice of their faith, not staged in a restored monastery to do some chanting in front of curious tourists.

The Chinese Government is, at present, encouraging and promoting an enormous influx of Chinese immigrants into Tibet, with much encouragement to permanently settle by receiving much higher pay rises than inside China and as much as 10 per cent in their pensions amongst other inducements. The policy of the Chinese is presumably that overwhelming immigration into Tibet will destroy the indigenous Tibetan culture and Sinicise Tibet in a manner which will not arouse international comment and indignation. As a Tibetan, I fear deeply for the future of my country.

Yours sincerely,
KELSANG FRASI (Secretary, the Tibetan Community in Britain),
16 Oakmead Road,
Balham, SW12.
March 27.

Prison sentences

From the Director of Nacro

Sir, Mr A. J. Brayshaw (March 27) rightly points to the falling proportion of offenders sentenced to immediate imprisonment between 1950 and 1970.

Since the early 1970s, however, that trend has been reversed. The turning point came in 1974, when 15 per cent of adult men and 1 per cent of adult women convicted of indictable offences received immediate prison sentences. By 1985 (the latest available figures) the proportions had risen to 21 per cent and 7 per cent.

Rising crime is, of course, one reason for the rising prison population; but over the last decade we have also become markedly more willing to send offenders to prison. This, together with lengthening waiting times for prisoners on remand, has led to a situation in which we have a higher proportion of our population in custody than any other EEC nation.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN STERN, Director,
National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
169 Clapham Road, SW9.
March 27.

Party spirit?

From Mr Jeremy Thorpe

Sir, My wife has received a letter addressed to her on a "personal basis" by "The Hartley Investment Trust" asking for capital for a Conservative fighting fund. I have myself received a personally addressed letter from the Conservative Party signed by Norman Tebbit, asking me to complete a questionnaire and to subscribe to the Conservative Party.

Mr Tebbit assures me that whatever I give will be "put to good use". Quite apart from the inefficient research whereby the Conservative Party fires off in all directions for funds, one wonders how much of the money subscribed by loyal Conservatives has been wasted in this way.

I have the honour to be your obedient servant,
JEREMY THORPE,
2 Orme Square, W2.
March 26.

Thought for food

From Mr Sam Lowings

Sir, I've just popped into the pantry for half a minute to check out Professor Newby (feature, March 24).

I've got tinned tomatoes from Italy, baked beans from the USA, oranges from Israel, bananas from South America, tea from Ceylon, coffee from Kenya, sweetcorn from France and butter from Denmark.

When he says (as do others) that Britain now provides for all its food needs, we must suspect he doesn't really mean that but something more complicated. What that might be I just don't know, but could I remind him that such a statement remains preposterous.

Yours faithfully,
SAM LOWINGS,
Great Halls, Aylesbeare
Exeter, Devon.
March 24.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 3 1928

National appeals of this nature were rare, but the depression was now so serious that the unemployment insurance scheme, even when supplemented by Poor Law relief, was unable to cope

THE STRICKEN COALFIELDS.
A NATIONAL APPEAL.
NEEDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
WORK FOR LADS.

The King has given £500, and the Queen £250, towards a fund opened by the Lord Mayors of London, Cardiff and Newcastle-on-Tyne to provide help for the women and children who are suffering on account of the continued depression in the coalmining industry, and to facilitate the movement of boys in the distressed coalfields, for whom employment can be found elsewhere.

The appeal of the Lord Mayors to the public for generous support of the fund that they have opened is contained in the following letter:—

The Mansion House,
London,EC4. April 2, 1928

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,— We desire to appeal for the immediate and generous support of the people of this country towards a fund for the assistance of the women and children who are suffering from the long-continued unemployment in the coalmining industry. In many mining areas — particularly South Wales, Durham, and Northumberland — numbers of pits have been closed for long periods, and there is no alternative employment in the district: nor is there any hope that sufficient pits will reopen to give employment to anything like the full number of men and boys now idle. It is not generally realized that there are nearly 250,000 miners unemployed, the large majority of whom are without any prospect of work in the near future; many of them have been unemployed for over two years.

For some time past it has been plain that the slender resources of the people are in many cases insufficient to provide adequate boots and clothing; great and continuous sacrifices are being made by mothers in their heroic efforts to save the children from hardship. All who have knowledge of the condition in these depressed areas will agree that suffering exists — suffering which is avoidable if we, who are more fortunate, will help. But, in thus helping, we are not divesting either the Government or any public authority of its recognized duty of responsibility.

The Industrial Transference Board, with whom we have been in touch, have visited some of the most depressed mining areas, and we believe they share our view that, whatever transfer of labour may ultimately be found possible, there is in the meantime the urgent problem of providing boots and clothes for the women and children, together with assistance to facilitate the movement of those lads and boys for whom employment can be found in other parts of the country. There may be other objects as to which experience will decide.

We appeal, therefore, with confidence for contributions to a fund for these purposes. To ensure the most effective use of the fund, we are securing the co-operation of the chairmen of the county and district councils, the education authorities, and the local employment committees.

Contributions — which we trust will be on a most generous scale — should be sent to the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House, London, or to the Bank of England.

His Majesty the King has graciously contributed £500 and Her Majesty the Queen £250 to the fund. Their Majesties' donations are not for any particular area, but for all areas.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,
C. A. BATHO,
Lord Mayor of London.
A. J. HOWELL,
Lord Mayor of Cardiff.
STEPHEN EASTEN,
Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Cutting corners

From Mr Nicholas Coral

Sir, With reference to "the four corners of the globe" (Mr Earl's letter, March 30) they are not so much mind boggling as difficult to find if one wishes to stay on *terra firma*. The best that I have been able to come up with are Perth, Australia (32S,115E), Bermuda (32N,65W), Cape San Diego, Argentina (54S,65W) and Enghazimo in the Soviet Union (58N,115E).

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS CORAL,
Douglas Stuart Ltd,
24 Radley House, Park Road, NW1.

From Mr F. Bernard Meldrum

Sir, I do not see what Mr Earl is worried about. Shakespeare allowed the earth to have three corners: "come the three corners of the world in arms and we shall shock them" (*King John, V, viii*). The Prayer Book on the other hand is less specific: "In His hand are all the corners of the earth" (Psalm 95).

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
F. BERNARD MELDRUM,
99 Watford Road, Croxley Green,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mr W. Finch

Sir, John Donne wrote the line "At the round earth's imagin'd corners" and Mr Earl should not carp when a similar image is used by the media. It is simply in line with its practice of imaginative presentation of fact.

Yours faithfully,
W. FINCH,
56 Lenthall House,
Churchill Gardens, SW1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 2: His Excellency Mr Nabih Al-Nimr and Mrs Al-Nimr were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Court of St James's.

Mr Alan Scott was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor, Cayman Islands.

Mrs Scott had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Yehudi Menuhin had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Game Conservancy Trust, this morning visited the ARC Wildfowl Centre at Great Linford, where His Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Mr John Paterson).

In the afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh opened the High Wycombe Judo Centre.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremantle, RN) and the Chairman, High Wycombe Judo Club (Mr John O'Brien).

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Major Rowan Jackson, RM, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited the Allergy and Environmental Medicine Department at the Lister Hospital, Chelsea Bridge Road, SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson) and the Director of the Allergy Unit (Dr Jean Monro).

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, attended a Council Meeting followed by luncheon at Mary Datchelor House, Grove Lane, Camberwell SE5.

Her Royal Highness was received by the *Chairman of the* Fund (the Viscount Boyd of Merton) and the Director (Mr N. Hinton).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Ladywell Centre for Physically Handicapped People at *148 Dressington Avenue*, Brockley, SE4.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor Norman Smith) and the Acting Manager of the Centre (Mrs A. Hayes).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Dinner held by the Association for All Speech Impaired Children at Hampton Court Palace.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 2: The Duchess of Kent, President, today attended a celebration lunch marking the 90th Anniversary of the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association at Glaziers' Hall, London SE1.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 2: Princess Alexandra this morning opened The Alexandra Hospital, the new District General Hospital of the Bromsgrove and Redditch District Health Authority, at Redditch, Hereford & Worcester.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, opened the British International Antiques Fair at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales opens Spencer Close, a new centre for the mentally handicapped, St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Essex, at 10.25; and, as President of Dr Barnardo's, visits the Barnardo School of Printing at William Baker House, Mead Lane, Hertford, at 11.50.

Princess Anne, President of the *Riding for the Disabled* Association, visits the Strang Riding Centre (Tyne and Wear Group) at Washington, at 2.00; and, as President of the Missions to Seamen, attends the laying up of the Missions to Seamen Tyne and Wear Station Flag, which will take place in the Brethren's Chapel, Newcastle upon Tyne Trinity House, Trinity Chare, at 4.15. Later, as Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, attends the conference and dinner organised by the Yorkshire section of the institute at the College of Ripon and York, St John, Lord Mayor's Walk, York, at 6.15.

The Duchess of Kent arrives at Leven House, Bridlington, East Yorkshire, at 11.40; and opens Bridlington Leisure World at 12.50.

Anniversaries

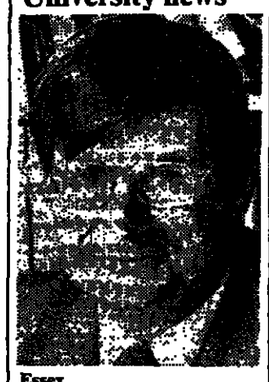
BIRTHS: George Herbert, poet, *Montgomery Castle*, 1593; Washington Irving, writer, New York, 1783; James Barry Hertzog, prime minister of South Africa 1924-39, Wellington, Cape Colony, 1866.

DEATHS: Bartolomé Murillo, painter, Seville, 1682; Sir James Clark Ross, explorer, Aylesbury, 1862; Johannes Brahms, Vienna 1897; Richard D'Oyly Carte, promoter of English opera, London, 1901; Kurt Weill, composer, New York, 1950.

Birthdays today

Mr Tony Benn, MP, 62; Mr Jeffrey Bowman, senior partner, Price Waterhouse, 63; Mr Marlon Brando, 63; Canon A.D. Caesar, the Queen's Domestic Chaplain, 63; Lady Olwen Carey Evans, daughter of David Lloyd George, 95; Dr Dennis Farr, director, Courtauld Institute *Galleries*, 58; *Sir Alistair Frame*, chairman, Rio Tinto-Zinc, 58; the Duke of Grafton, 68; Herr Helmut Kohl, Chancellor, West Germany, 57; Mr Jonathan Lynn, writer and actor, 44; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, 79; Lord Justice Nourse, 55; Sir *John Ricks, solicitor*, 77; Mr F.H. Tate, former vice-chairman, Tate and Lyle, 74; Professor Kathleen Tillotson, English scholar and author, 81.

University news



Essex

Professor Martin Harris, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Salford University (above), is to be Vice-Chancellor of Essex University in October, in succession to Dr Albert Sloman, who has been vice-chancellor since the university's inception in 1962.

Professor Harris, aged 42, holds the chair in romance linguistics at Salford. He was previously a lecturer at Leicester University.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr *Dinos Michaelides, Minister of* the Interior of Cyprus.

Butchers' Company
Mr Norman C. Poultney, Master of the Butchers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Butchers' Hall. The *other speakers were* Mr H.A.M.S. Kingwell and Mr B.J. Brown, Master of the Fletchers' Company.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Richard Owen, Chairman, and Council Members of the Management Consultancies Association were hosts at luncheon yesterday given for Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Sale room

Dr Johnson's desk fetches £44,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Dr Johnson's desk was sold for £44,000 at Phillips in Oxford yesterday. Or, maybe it wasn't.

The elegant mahogany kneehole desk was sent for sale by a Herefordshire doctor and, according to family tradition, it was given to one of his ancestors by Lucy Porter, the adopted daughter of Dr Samuel Johnson, the 18th century lexicographer.

Phillips had checked that the desk was not specified in Dr Johnson's will. Lucy Porter, however, inherited the doctor's house in Lichfield, Staffordshire, and presumably the contents as well.

Pembroke College, Dr Johnson's old college in Oxford, had confirmed to Phillips that she gave many items away to friends at the end of her life.

The desk is a particularly fine one with chamfered corners embellished with elegantly carved fruit and cabriole legs.

It was bought by R. A. Lee, the London dealer, presumably on its merits as a desk since his office confirmed that he had only *gone down to view it yesterday* morning and would not have had any time to research the provenance. The auctioneer's presale estimate was £8,000-£12,000.

A sale of Russian 20th century and avant garde art at Sotheby's yesterday combined three auction price records with a high proportion of unsold lots. There was a total of £1,037,905 with 31 per cent unsold.

The Russian Constructivists were pioneers of abstract art. While they have a keen scholarly following in Europe and America, they do not have popular appeal. This means that the best examples are hotly competed for but there are not enough buyers to go around for the lesser items.

A simple combination of abstract lines in black, orange and grey gouache by El Lissitzky entitled "Composition" and dating from around 1924, according to his widow, set a record for his work at £134,200 (estimate *£50,000-£70,000*), selling to a bidder from Zurich.

The other records were set by an American private collector, who paid £121,000 (estimate £70,000-£90,000) for an Alexander Rodchenko "Composition" of brightly coloured shapes in oil on card *dating from around* 1917, and by a Zurich buyer, who paid £91,300 (estimate £35,000-£45,000) for Mikhail Larionov's "Rayonist head of a soldier" in oil on canvas of 1910.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.P. Janion
and Miss C.M. Munro
The engagement is announced between Simon Penderel Janion, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, son of *Rear Admiral Sir Hugh* and Lady Janion, of Batcombe, Somerset, and Clare Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Munro, of Norwood, Busby, Glasgow.

Lieutenant J.R. Symons, RN
and Miss A.M. McFadyen
The engagement is announced between Jonathon, son of Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick and Lady Symons, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. McFadyen, of Honley, West Yorkshire.

***Mr P.C.* Bickley**
and Miss G.M. Gurney
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Stanley J. Bickley, and Mrs Keith Vickers, and Georgiana, daughter of Mrs Joseph Gurney, of Northrepps Hall, Cromer, Norfolk, *and of the late Mr Brian* Berridge.

Mr R.C. Bowman Clarke
and Miss V. Zucchi
The engagement is announced between Robert Charles Bowman Clarke of Monte Carlo, son of Mr and Mrs R.G.S. Clarke, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Virginia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Silvio Zucchi, of Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco.

Mr C.G. Cosby
and Miss S.J. Crowther
The engagement is announced between Clive, younger son of the late Mr E.L.H. Cosby and of Mrs A. Cosby, of London, and Shirley, daughter of Mr D.S. Crowther and the late Mrs A.M. Crowther, of Henfield, Sussex.

Mr C.M. Burnet
and Miss L. Glanville
The engagement is announced between Colin, younger son of Mr W.A. Burnet and the late Mrs Meryl Burnet and stepson *of Mrs Lydia Burnet, of* Shandon, Dunbartonshire, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Glanville, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr K.L. Cole
and Mrs B.J. Eames
The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 4, between Kelvin, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs A.F. Cole, of Biggin Hill, and Barbara, only daughter of Mr E.J. Meekings, of Liphook, Hampshire, and the late Mrs G. Meekings.

Mr D.M. Frusher
and Miss J.M.R. Allen
The engagment is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs L.G.T. Frusher, of Greenford, Middlesex, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C.R. Allen, of Flaunden, Hertfordshire.

Mr L.D.E. Hollingworth
and Miss A.R. Pigot
The engagement is announced between Laurence, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Hollingworth, of Scawby, South Humberside, and Anne, youngest daughter of Judge Pigot, QC, and Mrs Pigot, of Dunsden Green, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.O. Langguth
and Miss H.C. Lindqvist
The engagement is announced *between Paul, eldest son of the* late Diana and Paul Langguth, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Christina, only daughter of Daphne and Kristian Lindqvist, of St Mawes, Cornwall.

Dinners

Two Cities Dining Club
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, accompanied by Mrs Hurd, was the guest speaker *at a dinner* of the Two Cities Dining Club held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben, chairman, made a presentation to Mrs Lorna Rosbottom on her retirement as vice-chairman and secretary.

Commonwealth Jewish Council
The Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, President of the Commonwealth Jewish Council, and the honorary officers, gave a dinner last night at the Cumberland Hotel in honour of the Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Mrs Ramphal. Among others present were:
Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Baroness Young, Lord and Lady Bottomley, Lord Morris of Kenwood, Lady Janner, Chief and Mrs Emeka Anyaoku, Mr and Mrs Victor Hochhauser, Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, Mr and Mrs Jack Galaun and Mr Geoffrey Leigh.

Framework Knitters' Company
Mr Ernest G. Harding presided at a dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after his installation as Master of the Framework Knitters' Company for the ensuing year. The Bishop of Dunwich, Sir William van Straubenzee, MP, and Mr *Jeremy G. Ridge* also spoke.

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
Professor Robert Shields, President of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, was host yesterday evening at the annual dinner of the association held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, and Mrs Newton were the chief guests. Other guests included Professor and Mrs Graeme Davies, Sir Donald and Lady Wilson, Mr J.B. Fitzpatrick and Sir Ian Fraser.

Founding Societies' Centenary Award
The Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire presented the Founding Societies' Centenary Award at a dinner held last night at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, to Professor Harold Edey in recognition of his contribution to accounting research and higher education. The award is made annually to a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales who has made an outstanding *contribution in any field of* endeavour.

The President of the Sheffield Society of Chartered Accountants, welcomed the guests, who included the Presidents of the Founding Societies' of Liverpool and Manchester and the Vice-Chairman of the London Society, the President of the institute, members of the selection committee, and other distinguished members of the institute.

Latest wills

Sir John Scarbrough **Dodding**, of Winteringham, South Humberside, colonial servant, left estate valued at £563,691 net.

OBITUARY

M HENRI COCHET

Genius of the Golden Age of French tennis

M Henri Cochet, one of France's most outstanding tennis players, died on April 1. He was 85.

If ever a lawn tennis player possessed genius, Cochet did. He was small, without much of a service, and he had no resonant drives off the ground. Yet he beat the best in the world.

Perhaps *his* secret *lay* in those twinkling little steps that he took to give him the right position, even if it was a surprising one. He certainly had perfect balance: so that the dipping half volley at his feet, the dread of ordinary players, was to him a plaything.

Cochet was born at Lyon on December 14, 1901, the son of a groundskeeper at a local tennis club. His first taste of the game was *as* a ball boy.

It sometimes happens that a champion is remembered by one famous match: and many will link Cochet to his astonishing match with Bill Tilden in the 1927 semi-final at *Wimbledon*.

Tilden, having given a display of devastating and apparently irresistible power, reached 6-2, 6-4, 5-1, when the crowd, ever for the underdog, felt sorry for the little man, *who seemed ill-equipped* for resistance, and outranged by the big guns.

Here Royalty came in and Tilden appeared to "throw" the next game - for those who knew his ways sensed that he *wished to finish the match on* his mighty service from the Royal Box end.

But the strangest thing happened. The service went all astray: and when Cochet, seizing his chance, had won his game and the next two to love it was 5 all and he had won 17 points in succession. The



diminutive had taken on a monster shape.

Cochet won the set, while Tilden became weary and worried at being made to run, and *took the next two* for the match with his opponent exhausted. Nothing quite so surprising as this has ever happened before or since. Ever afterwards Cochet was a thorn in Tilden's side.

Although Cochet was *small* he was very strong, and he never minded how long a match went on. Perhaps it was characteristic of him that, apart from the Tilden affair, in the previous round he had been *two sets down to* F. T. Hunter, and in the final he won the title after being two sets down to Jean Borotra.

Here his coolness and complete self-confidence pulled him through, although *he had to be lucky to save several match* points before the end.

After that he reached his peak. In 1927 he was in the victorious French team with Borotra, René Lacoste and Jacques "Toto" Brugnon, known as "The Four Musketeers", who won the Davis Cup in America, when he won the fifth and deciding match against W. M. Johnston.

Of the four of them, Cochet had the greatest natural ability, *but he detested practising*. Lacoste made up for his lack of ability by hard work and application; Borotra, "The Bounding Basque", compensated with unbridled enthusiasm; while Brugnon was the doubles specialist.

In 1928 Cochet won the French Championship beating both Borotra and Lacoste, and he won the American championship in the same year.

In 1929 he won for the second time at Wimbledon, and in the Davis Cup (which the French successfully defended) he beat Tilden.

In 1931, after winning the French title, he again won three Davis Cup matches, this time beating both Perry and Austin, and winning the doubles with Brugnon.

In 1933, after losing a wonderful match to Perry when Great Britain won the cup, he turned professional.

Cochet was not as consistent as some champions. There were days when the magic would not work, and he could be beaten by players not in his class.

After the Second World War he became an amateur again and, although not eligible for Wimbledon, he reached the final of the Hard Courts Championship at Bournemouth. *Although nearly fifty, he showed much of his* former flair for the game.

Tennis was Cochet's life and he was never far from the courts. He ran a Paris sporting goods store and continued to give lessons well into his seventies. *He also* became president of the International Lawn Tennis Club of France.

MAJOR-GENERAL L. H. HOWARD-JONES

Major-General L. H. Howard-Jones, CB, CBE, who died on March 15, at the age of 81, played a vital role, as one of the original Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, in sustaining the battleworthiness of the Eighth Army in the desert fighting in North Africa.

Leonard Hamilton Howard-Jones, who was born on April 4, 1905, began his military career with the Royal *Army* Ordnance Corps.

After various courses and appointments, he went out to Egypt in 1935, and there began his long association with the problems of maintaining equipment in desert conditions. *Among British officers* he had unmatched experience in this field by the time war came to the region, in 1940.

In 1938 he was attached to the Western Desert Force, and there he organized and trained *a mobile workshop, a facility* of a type which was to become crucial to vehicle maintenance in the fast-moving and gruelling conditions in which desert battles were fought.

During this period he also evolved techniques of desert navigation, a vital matter, with supply operations often having to take place across trackless wastes.

He became deputy director of ordnance services (engineering) of the Eighth Army in August 1942, just after Montgomery took over, and in October of that year REME was formed, with Howard-Jones as one of its first senior officers.

From *then on he* was responsible for repairing and returning to battle all Eighth Army's equipment - artillery, tanks and rifles.

At this time he also invented a device for remotely *controlling vehicles, which he* later put to good use in clearing the *schuhminen* (stepmines) which were encountered in such abundance in the North-West Europe campaign.

Howard-Jones got on well with Montgomery, and this helped the Eighth Army machine to run smoothly, as it needed to, especially in the hot-pursuit conditions after Alamein.

He left the Eighth Army in September 1943, and returned to Britain where he was involved in the planning of the Normandy invasion.

Arriving at the beachhead on D+4 he was responsible for *the efficient functioning of all* the equipment of the British Second Army, throughout the push to the Rhine.

After the war he was Commandant of the REME training centre from 1953 to 1957, and Inspector, REME, from 1957 to 1960.

Howard-Jones had a dynamic, forceful personality, which might grate on gentler spirits, but which chimed in *well with* that of Monty, and explains their constructive rapport.

But he was also a thoughtful and inventive engineer, who contributed a good deal to sustaining the mobility of British ground forces in two of the war's principal theatres.

His first wife, Irene, died in 1944. He is survived by his second wife, Violet, and their son and daughter.

THE HON LORD STEWART

The Hon Lord Stewart, MC, Solicitor-General for Scotland from 1967 to 1970, died on March 31. He was 63.

Ewan George Francis Stewart was born on May 9, 1923, and educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh, and at Edinburgh University.

During the war he served with the 7/9 (Highlanders) Battalion of the Royal Scots, and was awarded the MC.

He was called to the Scottish Bar in 1949, and he was soon well established in practice.

He became standing junior *counsel to the Ministry* of Civil Aviation in Scotland in 1955, and an honorary sheriff of the Lothians and Peebles in 1961.

In 1962 he broadened his horizons by departing for New *Zealand where he practised* for a *couple of years*.

On his return to Scotland he became a Home Advocate-Depute in 1965 and, at the same time, was appointed to the police advisory board in Scotland.

Two years later, he became Solicitor-General for Scotland, and brought to the duties of that office a very special distinction. His effectiveness as Public Prosecutor in Scotland's High Court has seldom if ever been matched in modern times.

In the general election of 1970 he was Labour candidate for Edinburgh, Pentlands; but he was unsuccessful at the polls.

His political convictions and integrity were never in doubt, but the already changing political climate within the Labour Party left him uneasy.

After the election he sat on the Scottish Law Commission (1971-5); the committee on criminal procedure in Scotland (1971-7); and the committee on the preparation of *legislation (1973-5)*.

He was, since 1975, a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland (as Scotland's Supreme Court judges are formally known), taking the judicial title of Lord *Stewart*.

But it was the chairmanship of the Court of Stirling University (1976-84) that brought him most fulfilment.

Working with Stewart was a stimulating and, at the same time, an enjoyable experience. He had a rich sense of humour; but underneath there lay a gravity and concern for the human condition.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila, and by their son and daughter.

VEN E. F. HALL

The Ven E. F. (Ted) Hall, formerly Archdeacon of Totnes, who made a contribution to the 1944 Education Act, has died at the age of 98.

He taught at Exeter School before being ordained to a curacy at St James', Exeter. He was subsequently diocesan director of education.

In 1943, he was summoned by Archbishop Temple to the secretaryship of the National Society, to help in the negotiations leading to the 1944 Education Act, under R. A. Butler.

Hall played a large part in the drafting of the Act, a task to which he brought farsightedness and wise counsel, as well as firmness in negotiation.

But in spite of his intellectual gifts, he was essentially a simple man, and *his* happiest years were spent *in* the tiny Dartmoor parish of Leusdon to which he had gone as a young vicar in 1921.

In 1963, after his retirement, he returned there as *priest-in-charge, to spend the* last 25 years of his life among the moorland people he loved and understood so well.

He was still managing to officiate in his tiny church until a couple of weeks before his death.

Christening

The infant son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs William Hurrell was baptised Harry Michael William by the Rev P.C. Jeffries in Ampney St Peter Church on Sunday, March 29. The godparents are Major Michael Kingscote, Major Anthony Barkas, Mrs Clive de Rougemont, and Mrs Chantal Langley.

Beechlawn Tutorial College

All former Beechlawn students who are interested in attending a fortieth anniversary reunion garden party at Beechlawn on Saturday, July 4, 1987, and who have not received the college circular issued in December 1986, please contact the Secretary at 1 Park Town, Oxford (0865 57805) as soon as possible.

Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson were hosts at a civic reception held yesterday at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Appointments

Sir Richard O'Brien to be President of the Christian Education Movement, succeeding the Right Rev John Trillo, former Bishop of *Chelmsford*.

The Rev Gordon Benfield to be chairman of the movement, succeeding Mr Peter Watkins.

Mr R. J. T. McLaren to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Far East, south Asia and the south *Pacific from* April 6. He succeeds Sir David Wilson.

Mr Stuart Bradley, Port Director at Hull, has been appointed to the National Dock Labour Board in succession to Mr John *Smith*. *Mr Bradley* takes over as Assistant Managing Director (Resources) of Associated British Ports.

Rosebery School Epsom

Former staff and pupils of Rosebery and Epsom County Schools are invited to a triple anniversary reunion on July 3 and 4. For further information please telephone Epsom 20439.

Memorial service

Major-General T.H.F. Foulkes
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General T.H.F. Foulkes was held yesterday in *the Memorial Chapel at the* Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. The Rev P.T. Clemett officiated. Mr C.R.F. Foulkes, son, read the lesson and Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Cunningham gave an address.

Mr F.W. Ward
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Frederick William Ward was held on Friday, March 27, at the Parish Church of Great Grimsby. The Rev Michael Hunter officiated and gave an address. Mr Roger *Morris read the lesson*, prayers were said by the Bishop of Grimsby, and the Bishop of Lincoln pronounced the blessing.

Marriage

Mr D. Ford
and Mrs G. Petersen
The marriage took place in Hawaii, on Saturday, March 14, 1987, of Mr David Ford and Mrs Gillian Petersen (nee Monsarrat), both of Hong Kong.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Jesus said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.
St Mark 14 : 20

BIRTHS

ATKINSON - On April 1st, to Mary (nee Robertson) and Edwin, a son, brother for Lucy.

BRETT - On March 27th 1987, to Shirley (nee Davies) and Stephen, a daughter, Emma.

DAVIDSON - On April 1st 1987, to Barbara Watts and Judge Ian Davidson QC, a son, Alasdair Euan Watts.

FROM - On March 24th 1987, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Linda (nee Purdy) and Nikolai Hamilton, a son, James Reginald Alexander, a brother for Nikolai.

GARRIOLI - On March 30th 1987, to Catriona (nee Woolicombe) and Richard, a daughter, Mary Victoria Woolicombe.

GILETTI - On March 25th 1987, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Andrea (nee Rossetti) and Theodore, a daughter, Olivia Christina.

GILLAN - On March 8th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Alison (nee Graham) and Tony, a daughter, Joanna Katy.

GOUGH - On March 23rd, to Gillian and Jeremy, a son, Benjamin Thomas.

GOULD - On March 28th, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Winsor, to Elisabeth (nee Bartholomew) and Barry, a daughter, Alexandra Isobel Sarah, a sister for Charles.

GWYNNE-JONES - On Saturday 28th March, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Amanda (nee Harrad) and David, a daughter, Joanna Lucy, a sister for Philippa.

HATLEY - On March 28th, 1987, to Ian and Jill (nee Fenton), a son, Philip Eric, a brother for Sophia.

HOOPER - On March 26th, to Alison (nee Avery) and David, a son, James William Hedley, a brother for Laura.

HOWARD - On March 31st, to Alyson (nee Cross) and Jonathon, a daughter, Caitriona Jean Kennedy.

HOWARD: To Simon & Jocelyn a first daughter Sarah Jane 7lb 6oz on 27 March 1987. Many thanks to Nick Siddle and his team at UCH.

KENE - On March 30th to Catherine (nee Steele-Bodger) and Graham, a son, Simon James Lester, a brother for Anna Louise.

LAWSON - On March 25th, 1987 to Sarah (nee Allen) and Simon, a son, Joseph David, a brother for Tom.

RUSSELL - On April 1st, at Watford General Hospital, to Ruth and Paul, a son, David George, a brother for Rachel and Katie.

SASSOON - On April 1st 1987, at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Sarah and James, a son.

STEWART - On February 23rd 1987, to Reiko (nee Uchida) and Hugh, a daughter, Catriona Ryoko Alexandra.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

HUCKS-HETHERINGTON - On April 3rd 1987 at Holy Trinity Church Bukoba Tanganyika by the Reverend L. Bakewell (C.M.S.) Jeoffrey William Young Hucks to Aline Perronet Hetherington. Now at 33 Hampstead Lane, Highgate, London N6 4RT.

NEAME-CARNEGY - On April 3rd 1937 at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, Commander Dist. Neame Royal Navy to Elizabeth Cydny Carnegy now at Craddock House, The Friary, Salisbury.

WILTSHIRE-VENNING On April 3rd 1937 at St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, Winkie to Roma.

DEATHS

AMLÔT - On Tuesday March 31st 1987, at home in The Dale, Chester, Jacqueline (nee Pyett), wife of Major Martin Amlôt, The King's Regiment, loving mother of David and Richard, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pyett, of Bradpole, Dorset. Funeral service at Holy Ascension Church, Upton, Chester, on Monday, April 6th at 11.30am, followed by cremation. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to The Chester Health Authority Home Care Fund, c/o 2 Napier Road, The Dale, Chester, CH2 4AJ.

BAKER - On Monday March 30th, Lily aged 92. Friend and loved nanny for 40 years to Sara and Jonathan Ruffer.

BIBBY - On Saturday 28th March 1987, Pameta Beatrice, peacefully at Dunster Lodge, Minehead. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium, Friday (today) April 3rd at 2.30pm. Any enquiries to Hawkes, Funeral Directors, Minehead 6123.

BONHAM - On March 26th 1987, following a road accident, Iris, former Mayor of St Pancras, former chairman of L.L.E.A., widow of the late J B. Bonham. Requiem mass at Holy Cross Church, Cromer St, St Pancras on Thursday April 9th at 1.45pm followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. No flowers by request donations to P.D.S.A. Dept A.P.W. South St. Dorking, Surrey RH4 2LB.

BRAND - On March 31st 1987, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, Clement Simon Brand, much loved husband, dad and father of Phil, Tim, Gen and Giles. Rest in Peace. Funeral Service at St Anne's Church, Brockenhurst, on Monday April 6th at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Stonyhurst Higher Line Handicapped Children's Fund, c/o R Hallum & Son, 185 Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton SO4 1PA.

CLUTTERBUCK - On 1st April 1987, Vivienne of Rowington, Warwickshire, widow of Maurice, loved mother of Philippa, Loraine and Dick, aged 91. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church, Rowington, on Wednesday 8th April at 2.30pm, followed by cremation at the Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood.

FINDLAY - On April 1st 1987, peacefully at Alkenway, Craigellachie, Aberlour, Banffshire, Charles Theodore Leslie Findlay D.S.O., late Lt. Col. R.A., aged 81. Beloved husband of Alba and father of Angus and Donald. Funeral service at St. Margarets, Aberlour at 11.00am on Monday 6th April. Followed by private cremation, family flowers only.

GLENTON - On March 31st 1987, Richard Schnoeckel, brother to Muriel and uncle to Mary Gibson, for 62 years dearly loved and loyal friend of Sybil and the late Frank H Miller. Funeral Service on Monday 6th April at Randalls Park Crematorium Leatherhead, at 2.30pm. No flowers please, if desired, donations to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley may be forwarded to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HAIG - On March 30th 1987, in hospital, Major James Haig (retired) Seaforth Highlanders. Funeral service at St George's Church, Crowhurst, Battle, East Sussex, on Wednesday, April 8th at 11.00am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

HALES - On March 31st, in Hospital, Kathleen (Kathleen Freeman) aged 77, of 9 De Cham Avenue, St Leonards-on-Sea, beloved mother of Imelda, Susan, Penelope and Caryl. Please contact Horsiers Stuart Ltd, Funeral Directors, Hastings (Tel: 0424-437147) for arrangements regarding funeral and Flowers.

HILL - On April 2nd, peacefully at home, Gwendolyn Edith, aged 84 years. Widow of Horace, much loved mother of Christopher and the late Ann. Funeral 2.30pm Tuesday April 7th at Trotton Church. Flowers may be sent to L. F. Limott and Son, Midhurst, Sussex. (Tel 3264).

HODGETT - On March 31st, peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice, Edward, beloved husband of Amy, father of Joan, John, Keith and Norman, grandfather to Stephen, Andrew, James and Amy. Cremation at Beckenham on April 8th at 1.20pm. No flowers but donations please to St Christopher's.

HUGGINS - On March 30th 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Frank Stockford aged 78 years. President of Hartwell P.L.C. (Formerly Hartwells Group P.L.C.), beloved father of Jock and Peter, grandfather and great grandfather. A private family Cremation will take place on Monday 6th April, followed by a memorial service at 12.00 noon on 6th April at St Helens Church, Abingdon, Oxon. (Allow plenty of time for car parking). Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.E.N.(Motor Trade Benevolent Fund) c/o Lynwood, Rise Road, Sunningbill, Ascot, Berks SL5 0AJ.

JAQUISS - On Monday 30th March, suddenly at home in Pittsfield Mas., USA, Donald Jaquiss beloved husband of Georgi and father of Robert, Nigel, Andrew and Ian. Friends in the U.K. wishing to make contact should ring Mrs Olga de Corral in London on 01-221 3883.

KING - On March 31st, peacefully at The Old House Nursing Home, Bedford, Constance Beatrice, aged 84, Widow of Harry (Tom), tireless mother of Peter, Robert, Thomas and Sidney and beloved grand mother.

KOHN - On March 31st 1987, at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, Jaochim, M.D., D.C.P., F.R.C., Path., aged 78. Beloved husband of Wiera, father of Ewa and brother of Alexander. Cremation to take place at Morlake Crematorium on 7th April 1987 at 3.30pm. No flowers, but friends who wish to send contributions, to the Cancer Research Campaign.

MORERLY-PERRIN - On March 1st, peacefully in London, Margot. Much missed by all who knew her.

PEEL - On March 28th 1987, peacefully at Huntly, Bishop Steignton, Devon, Wing Commander Richard Peel (Bob), RAF retired, aged 80 years. His children Robert, Richard and Zita, his grandaughter Barbara, John, Alice and Elsie Peel, his Brother and all his friends all over the World will miss him deeply. Cremation at Exeter Crematorium on Friday April 3rd at 1.45pm. The ashes will be taken to Faro, Denmark.

PENLINGTON - On March 29th 1987, very suddenly, Johnny, aged 58 years, much loved son of the late Colonel and Mrs. Neville Penlington. Funeral service at Hawkinge Crematorium, near Folkestone, on Monday April 6th at 3.45pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund, Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, SE5 8RD, will be acknowledged. Enquiries to Hambrook & Johns Ltd. 0303 56167.

PUMPHREY - On March 31st, peacefully in hospital at Barnet, Raymond Henry, dear husband of Mary, father of Andrew, Susan and William, grandfather of Elizabeth and Anna. Cremation private. Memorial Service at Monken Hadley Church 3pm Saturday April 4th. No flowers please.

READ - On March 28th, Gladys, beloved widow of Bertie, greatly loved by and wonderful mother of Michael, Paula and Maggie, adored grandmother of John, Katherine, James and Edward and sorely missed by Ian and Michael. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday April 6th at 3.45pm.

STEWART - On March 31st, 1987, at Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, peacefully after illness courageously borne, Ewan George Francis, The Honourable Lord Stewart, M.C., beloved son of the late George and Catherine Stewart, dearly loved husband of Sheila, and devoted and much loved father of Catherine (Myles) and Ewan. Funeral private, memorial service to be announced later.

SWANWICK - On April 1st after a mercifully brief illness, and with little suffering in her 68th year, Audrey Celia, greatly loved wife of Sir Graham Swanwick, mother of Richard Parkinson and Dale (deceased), step mother of Richard and Anthony and loving grandmother. Cremation private. Gathering of close friends, relations and neighbours later.

WARD - On April 2nd, the Hon. Edward Ward, beloved husband of Alathea, peacefully at home in Lausanne.

WOOD - On Wednesday 1st April, peacefully, Christopher Russell, of Riding Lea, Riding Mill, Northumberland, dearly beloved husband of Muriel, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St James, Riding Mill, at 12.30pm, on Monday 6th April. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRATTAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Kathleen F E Grattan will be held at St.Mary's Church, Plympton, Plymouth on Tuesday, 7th April, at 12.30 pm.

Science report

The world's brightest light shows up atoms

By Keith Hindley

The most concentrated beam of light produced by man has been generated by a new laser built at the United States Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The split-second pulses of light carry the electrical power equivalent to one hundred thousand million electric fires focused on to a fingernail.

Yet the equipment which yields the high energy probe begins with a beam of visible light carrying just 20 thousandths of a watt of power.

But this is quickly boosted by non-linear optics into a pulsed beam of ultraviolet light. These flashes are one picosecond (one million millionth of a second) long and are further intensified to an energy of five thousand trillion watts focused by mirrors on to an area two millimetres across.

The laser is compact enough to fit on to a tabletop and has shoebox-sized light amplifiers. It took three years to develop and by 1989 the group expects to scale up the experiments with phonebox-sized amplifiers on a laser large enough to fill an average living room.

That laser will fire a beam 10 times more powerful but lasting only a few femtoseconds (thousand million millionths of a second).

"Things have been pretty straightforward so far", says the team leader, Dr Robert Gibson. "But from here on in we are into unknown territory."

The light pulses are already affecting the atoms in equipment such as optical windows. Dr Gottfried Schappert, who heads the group's physics experiments, says that atoms are "excited and ionised to states that have never been seen before.

"We have applied electric fields to atoms that are stronger than their own internal electric field and that produces some very strange effects. We are currently trying to figure out what the atoms are doing and why they are doing it."

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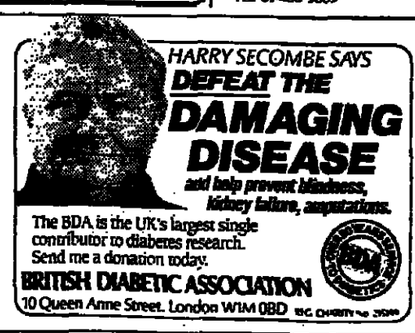
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☆ **THREE SISTERS:** Strongly cast Chekhov in a new translation by Michael Frayn.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £3-£7.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ★ ***Me and My Girl:*** *Adelphi* Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ ***Phantom of the Opera:*** *Sold out* until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ★ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** *Duke of York's Theatre* (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ★ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 9845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BOLTON: ☆ **Black Star:** New play by David Pownall about Ira Aldridge, the first great black actor, meeting prejudice and censorship on his Polish tour.
Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft *South* (0204 20661). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £2.20-£4.50, until April 4.

HARLOW: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero.
Playhouse Theatre, The High (0279 31945). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £2.95-£4.45, until April 4.

LEEDS: ☆ **Pravda:** Philip Voss as the colonial newspaper tycoon in a famous Fleet Street tale.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£5.50, until April 4.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **The Decameron:** New musical inspired by *Boccaccio's* tales of love, laughter and lechery.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 555028). Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, *Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm,* £3.70-£5.70, until April 25.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Pawnbroker Hocks the Moon:** Sheffield 50 years ago when rearmament brought jobs back to the steelworks and idealism took men out to Spain.
Crucible Studio Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50, until April 4.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** First of the season's new plays — Doug Lucie's study of a socialist PR man required to 'sell' the Tory party.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £6-£7.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): Transatlantic romance between *Helene Hanff* (*Anne Bancroft*), book-crazed New Yorker, and retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs (99 min).
☎ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-*499 3737*). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the *Broadway play, with William Hurt as* the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.15, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs *1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30,11.15.*
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** *Paul Newman returns to the pool* table in a belated sequel to The Hustler. With Tom Cruise as the young protégé. Directed by Martin Scorsese (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.40, 7.15, 9.50.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (*01-602 6644,* cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30, 11.10.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter barnused by New York's urban jungle (98 min).
Cannon Chelsea (*01-352 5096*). Progs 2.30, 5.55, 8.35.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30,11.00.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.50, 5.00.



Working repeatedly with the *same directors* (Billy Wilder, Blake Edwards), players (Walter Matthau) and writers (Neil Simon), Jack Lemmon (above) has refined the verbal stumble, the quizzical stare and exasperated squawk to the dry heights of mannerism. Yet where other light comedians quickly become ossified, Lemmon works hard at rejuvenation. Featuring his best known films and some useful novelties, the NFT season starts tonight with *It Should Happen To You.* National Film Theatre (01-928 3232).

Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 11.15.

THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15): Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato. Michael Caine is the maverick *spycatcher* (*119 min*).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20, 11.20.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc *01-602 5193*). Progs *2.20, 4.50,* 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45, 11.15.

HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG): Gene Wilder's mild parody of the haunted house genre, with Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion (83 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35, 11.15.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. Lavishly designed with Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances (94 min).
☎ **Curzon Mayfair** (*01-499 3737*). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, *6.30, 8.40,* 11.15.

■ **THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG):** Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure about a *family taking refuge in Central* America's rivers and jungle. Directed by Peter Weir (119 min).
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.30, 11.30.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.35, 5.05, 8.20.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.35, 5.05, 8.20.

THE NAPLES CONNECTION (18): *Complicated thriller with fantasy* elements from the Italian director Lina Wertmuller. Angelina Molina gives a strong performance as the woman whose small son is involved in the drugs trade (106 min).
Cannon Baker St (01-935 5772). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.15, 11.00.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs *1.15,* 3.25, 5.35, 7.45, 9.55.

■ **OVER THE TOP (PG):** Perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck *driver who tries to get to know his* neglected son during a cross-continental ride (93 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35, 11.15.

PERSONAL SERVICES (18): Terry Jones's outrageous comedy inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne stars Julie Walters as the London madam who turns her house over *for the fulfilment of other people's* fantasies (105 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 1310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, *5.50, 8.30.*
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50.

■ **A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG):** Merchant-Ivory's version of an early Forster novel offers the expected virtues and vices: With Helena Bonham Carter as the English girl (117 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.45.
☎ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366/9787). Progs 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
☎ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40, 9.25, **Metro** (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.10, 9.20, 11.15.



The self-styled "Goddess of Love", the soul singer Phyllis Hyman, makes her British stage debut tonight with a show that is a distillation of an exceptional range of performing experience. From an engagement in her native town of Pittsburgh's All-City choir she progressed down the well-worn road of session work on commercial jingles to New York club appearances. A liaison with the jazz/soul drummer Norman Connors on his 1976 album *You Are My Starship* helped her secure a recording contract the following year. Success as a solo artist was elusive, but a part in Duke Ellington's Broadway musical *Sophisticated Ladies* won her widespread critical acclaim and a Tony nomination for Best Supporting Actress, while her three contributions to McCoy Tyner's 1982 album *Looking Out* confirmed her impressive credentials in the exacting world of jazz singing. She has a deep, mobile voice, capable of extremes of power and sensitivity, and with the winning Philadelphia team of Kenny Gamble, Leon Huff and Thom Bell sharing the production duties on last autumn's *Living All Alone* she acquired a new sense of authority to complement her undoubted expertise. *David Sinclair*

■ **STAND BY ME (15):** The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959. *The film has a soundtrack* decorated with period pop tunes. Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket (*01-839 1527*). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35, 11.15.

CONCERTS

EVENING

☆ **PEARS MEMORIAL:** Besides the *world premiere of Robin Holloway's In Quietus,* this Peter Pears Memorial Concert by the ECO under Stauart Bedford includes Britten's Serenade Op 31 with a hitherto unperformed additional movement, "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal."
Friends' House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 (info 072 885 3543), 7-8.45pm, £5.50 and £8.50.

☆ **HOGWOOD/LPO:** The LPO is conducted by Christopher *Hogwood in Schumann's* Symphony No 4, Dvorák's Serenade Op 44 and Mendelssohn's *Ruy Blas* Overture.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.10pm, £2-£12.50.

☆ **JARVI/SNO:** Neeme Järvi conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Dvorák's Symphony No 9 "From the New World," Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Festival Overture and Prokofiev's *Sinfonia Concertante.*
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£8.80.

☆ ***BRIGITTE FASSBAENDER:*** *The* distinguished mezzo soprano sings ten of Wolf's *Mörike Lieder* and eleven *Lieder* by Schubert.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£12.

☆ **RARE RATLIFF:** Richard Ratliff's performance includes *Liszt's Unstern, Sinistre, Disastro, Schaflos, Frage und Antwort* and *Am Grabe Richard Wagners,* Haydn's *Adagio* Hob XVII/9, George Rochberg's Bagatelles, Messiaen's *Le traquet stapazin.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.05pm, £2 and £4.

☆ **RUSSIAN EVENING:** Graeme Jenkins conducts the *RPO in* Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 "Classical", Shostakovich' Symphony No 5, and Leslie Howard. solos in Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795), cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3-£11.

☆ **STONELEIGH YOUTH:** Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* Overture and Vaughan Williams's Symphony No 2 "London" are performed by Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra under Adrian Brown.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), *7.30-9.15pm,* £2 and £4.

☆ **BROMLEY YOUTH:** Bromley Youth Concert Band with pieces by Guy Woolfenden, *Philip Sparke,* Alfred Reed and in Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 2.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (*01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800*), *7.45-9.55pm,* £3-£6.

OPERA

☆ **THE KING GOES FORTH TO FRANCE:** Long-awaited first British staging of the Finnish composer Aulis Sallinen's bizarre tragi-comedy of power struggles in a new Ice Age. Nicholas Hytner unveils his new production with Okku Kamu in the pit.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£23.50.

☆ **TOSCA:** Phyllis Cannan valiant *in the title role of Jonathan Miller's* controversial production.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 8-10.45pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** A new production by Robert Knights for Kent Opera, with Patricia Rozario as Pamina.
The Marlowe, The Friars, Canterbury (0227 67246), 7.15-10.30pm, £4-£15.

☆ **SILVERLAKE:** Kurt Weill's "winter's tale" of private passions and public morality with its vision of a new society. A rare staging by Abbey Opera as part of the Camden Festival.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629/01-388 1394), 7.30-10pm, £8-£12.

☆ **THE CONSUL:** Menotti's opera *performed by students in Stefan* Janski's production.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.

★ **LA BOHEME:** Göran Järvefelt's production for Welsh National Opera with Anne Williams-King and *Dennis O'Neill.*
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.20pm, £6-£19.50.

☆ ***RUDDIGORE:*** *New Sadler's* Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's handsome and witty production of the G & S mock-melodrama.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Norwich (0603 626205), 7.30-10pm, £5.50-£12.

DANCE

★ **CARMEN:** Peter Schaufuss and a high powered cast from London Festival Ballet give Roland Petit's *dance drama* plus two new works, Kevin Haigen's *Nocturne* Dvorák music and a creation by Ulysses Dove.
Northcott Theatre, Stocker Road, *Exeter* (0392 54853), *7.30-9.45pm,* £4.50-£6.50

☆ **BATSHEVA:** Dance company from Israel in four works by *American choreographers.*
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **MOVES:** Jerome Robbins's ballet in silence is given by London Contemporary Dance Theatre with works by Robert Cohan and Robert North.
His Majesty's, *Rosemount Viaduct,* Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.45-10pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **WATERPROOF:** Astrakan, *Daniel Larrieu's company from* France, performs a specially composed underwater ballet in the Olympic-sized swimming pool.
Swiss Cottage Baths, Winchester Road, London NW3 (advance tickets from Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London NW1 01-388 1394), 8.30-9.45pm, £6.

GALLERIES

STEVEN CAMPBELL: Thirty paintings by the market leader in the current crop of young, gifted British narrative painters.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12pm, free, until May 1.

PAUL NEAGU: Nine huge new works by a cerebral abstract sculptor.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075). Daily 10-6pm, free, until May 10.

MASTERS OF ANIMATION: An exhibition of designs and painted celluloids from the artists who bring our favourite TV cartoon characters to life.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-921 0600). *Daily 10am-10pm, free, until May 6.*

LAURIE LIPTON: Realistic, faintly macabre drawings of domestic scenes by an American living in Islington.
Waterstones Gallery, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176). Daily, 11-9.30pm, free, until May 3.

PAINTERS AND THE DERBY CHINA WORKS 1785-1848: William Billingsley and William Pegg are two of the unsung painter-designers of floral patterns whose work is celebrated in this show.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, *London SW7* (01-589 6371). Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm (closed Fridays), Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until June 21.

JOHN MOORES EXHIBITION: This biennial painting show selected from an open submission was won this year by Tim Head. Patrick Heron, Gillian Ayres and Victor Pasmore are among the also-rans.
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, 40p, until April 20.

NANCY SPERO: An artist whose frieze-like figure drawings are inspired by feminism and the torture perpetrated on innocent victims by repressive regimes.
Institute of Contemporary Art, The *Mall, London SW1* (01-930 0493). Daily, 12-8pm, 60p day pass, until April 19.

JAZZ

☆ **ELVIN JONES:** At once thunderously powerful and balletically delicate, Jones's drumming is the focal point of his group, the Jazz Machine, which features the fluent saxophonist and flautist Sonny Fortune.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£6 members).

☆ **MIKE CARR:** A swinging organist in the Jimmy Smith mode is joined by the bluesy guitarist Jim Mullen and the drummer Spike Wells.
St George's Theatre Bar, Tufnell Park Road, London N7 (01-607 1128), 8.30pm, £3.

ROCK

☆ **MARC ALMOND:** Boy George, Jimmy Somerville and Holly *Johnson all owe an artistic debt to* cuddly Marc Almond; Soft Cell reached No.1 with "Tainted Love" as long ago as 1981, and Marc Almond's latest album, *Mother Fist... And Her Five Daughters,* keeps the flag of controversy flying. This show is part of the Aids Week of benefits.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street, London WC2 (*01-242 9136*) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

★ **GLORIA GAYNOR:** The soul singer whose 1974 hit "Never Can Say Goodbye" gave an early impetus to the disco craze of the 1970s but who is best remembered for her emotional rallying call, "I *Will Survive", a No. 1 on both sides* of the Atlantic in 1979.
Lakeside Country Club, Wharf Road, Frimley Green, Surrey (0252 836464) 8pm, £17.50, for two nights.

★ **LEVEL 42:** Mark King's popular funk perennials on the British leg of their world tour.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50. Also tomorrow.

☆ **HURRAH!/THE *DAINTEES/BRENDAN CROKER &* THE FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOWS:** Hurrah! and their Kitchenware records tabelmates, The Daintees, are two of the music press's most touted pop groups of the moment, but soul/blues guitarist Brendan Croker is a performer of greater depth. Aids benefit.
Town & Country Club, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8.30pm, £5-£6.

☆ **PHYLLIS HYMAN:** See caption.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £7.50-£9.50, for two nights.

WALKS

MAGIC SQUARE MILE — CENTURIES OF CITY CULTURE: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.

LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: meet Tower Hill tube, 2.30pm, £2.75.

HAUNTED LONDON — A GHOST WALK: meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm (ends in a pub), £2.50.

LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £2.50.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Embankment tube, 11am (ends in a pub), £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — DICKENS'S HOSTELRIES: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

ELEGANT MAYFAIR: meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.25.

TALKS

BRITISH LIBRARY GALLERY TALKS: Masterpieces of Persian, Turkish and Mughal painting at 12 noon; manuscript treasures from India 2.30pm, free.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544).

19th CENTURY FLOWER PAINTINGS: Talk by Felicity Woolf.
The National Gallery, (Room 40), Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

FORT BELAN EXHIBITION: *First* day of an important new exhibition of maritime artefacts. The 500 artefacts include nautical equipment, relics from local shipwrecks, fine boat carving and also reconstructions of a Belan boathouse and the main deck of an 1891 steam yacht. Official opening *by The Lord Newborough at 3pm.*
Merseyside Maritime Museum, Pier Head, Liverpool (051 709 1551). Daily, 10.30am-5.30pm, last entrance 4.30pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

WONDERS OF CREATION: New exhibition of natural history drawings opens today at the British Library. Seventy studies of animals, birds, plants and fish, most from the Library's own collections.
British Library, Crawford Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544). Today to July 5, Mon, Fri, Sat 9am-5pm, Tues to Thurs 9am-9pm, free.

FLYING COLOURS: Penultimate day on which to see this exhibition of needlework — embroidery, hangings, banners and quilts — which includes the Pentagon *Ribbon.*
Hinde Street Church, Thayer Street, London W1. Today and tomorrow 10am-5pm, £1.

CHARD CRAFT FAIR: *Monthly* event at which local craftsmen and craftswomen display and sell a selection of their work.
Guildhall, Chard, Somerset. 9am-5pm, free.

PROVINCIAL BOOKSELLERS FAIRS: Antiquarian and good quality second hand books, prints, maps and ephemera at two fairs.
Central Library, Portsmouth. Today 10.30am-7pm, 20p.
Royal Baths, Harrogate, Yorkshire. *Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow* 10am-5pm, 30p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE: Personal booking opens today for May performances, including premiere of Ayckbourn's *A Small Family Business,* and new production of *Rosmersholm.*
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

SCHAUSPIELHAUS THEATRE COMPANY: *West Berlin Theatre* Company gives six performances of O'Neill's *The Hairy Ape,* as part of London Festival of German Arts. May 11-16.
Lyttleton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Personal booking from today, phone booking from Monday.

LEEDS PLAYHOUSE: Summer season kicks off with world premiere of Phil Young's *Torpedoes in the Jacuzzi;* plus *Hobson's Choice, and All's Well That Ends Well.* April-June.
Leeds Playhouse, Calverley Street, Leeds 2 (0532 442111).

LAST CHANCE

114th EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOURS AND DRAWINGS: Highlight of this annual event are nine Turner watercolours not previously exhibited. Ends today, free.
Agnew, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6176).

LILIANE LIJN: Sculptures incorporating lasers by artist who has previously used light and prisms. Ends today.
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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OUTSIDE LONDON:

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THE ARTS

Life laughing at art?

"The sun," muttered Leo McKern last night as he died. Alas, he went without telling us whether Ibsen got the idea from Turner, or whether the writers of *The Sun is God: The Life of J.M.W. Turner* (Channel 4) sneaked it from watching the syphilitic Osvald sign off with the line in *Ghosts*.

But that is the trouble with documentary drama and historical plays. Those in the know repeatedly grumble that

TELEVISION

they have got things wrong, and we ignoramuses just do not know what to believe. Last night's enjoyable and apparently informative programme had been dusted down from the shelf and shown again after 13 years, to mark the nation getting round after over 130 years to doing its own dusting down of all those Turners he left us — and showing them.

No doubt the guiding commentary gave us the truth. But some of the dramatization seemed in jest: thus in a comically identical manner Turner comforted his two tearful widowed companions, Sarah Danby and Mrs Booth, by giving them a lustful smacker on the lips.

This appeared to be no more than an affectionate nudge-nudge by the authors in the side of their greatly admired subject. As the programme demonstrated, his contemporaries in the music halls and artistic salons were much less reluctant to exploit the ability of genius to invite ridicule.

Documentary drama, however, increasingly inclines towards ironical pastiche. Those responsible for such necessarily cartoon re-enactments seem to seek the protection of their audience laughing with them rather than risk being mocked for over-solemn theatricality.

The most extraordinary example of this was Channel 4's recent programme about the schoolmaster who, with his pupils, trapped the Spatniks. Half the time we had the man himself talking seriously about what happened; the rest consisted of a drama re-enactment in which he was exquisitely turned by an actor into a figure of fun.

Of course, as Arthur Scargill demonstrated in *This Week* (ITV), some have a genius to invite ridicule, unjust or no, for over-solemn theatricality without being metamorphosed into a member of Equity.

Andrew Hislop

Catching the English at play

The trials of Cynthia Payne in 1980 and 1986 made her a national heroine. Her parties, her "personal services" and the luncheon vouchers which were used to pay for them have passed into popular legend; while the cheerful, cheeky Streatham Madam herself seemed like a champion against English hypocrisy and inhibition. Miss Payne brought back naughtiness to sex, to chase away the shadows of vice and wickedness and guilt.

Her memoirs revealed an individual attitude to her work. She specialized in providing sex for the elderly and the disabled — she once spoke of an ambition to be matron at a home for such deserving folk, where sex would be on the National Health. She gave discounts to pensioners. She tolerantly indulged sexual eccentricites like masochism and transvestism, though she insisted on moderation and humour in gratifying them. Ever practical, she channelled the desires of those who craved humiliation by assigning them to the housework and gardening at Ambleside Avenue.

Her early life had been tough and loveless: Ambleside Avenue fulfilled her own desires for the security of bourgeois respectability. Hard experience had given her a remarkable perception of human nature and a rich sense (revealed in her courtroom ripostes) of the human tragicomedy. In other circumstances it would have made her an artist — although perhaps, in her way, she is one. A single page of her reminiscences (recorded in Paul Bailey's *An English Madam*) gives a brilliantly observed picture of women in prison, from her own experiences in Holloway.

Terry Jones's **Personal Services** takes some fictional liberties and calls its heroine Christine Painter; but, give or take an incident or two, it is the story of Cynthia's career up to her 1980 conviction for keeping a disorderly house — a singularly unjust misnomer for the tightly controlled organization at Ambleside Avenue.

Appropriately to its subject, it turns out as an amiable sex comedy with an undercurrent of satirical commentary on English manners and morals. Farce and irony meet in the climactic scene of the police raid, with a mass turn-out of the blue chasing a frightened mob of decrepit old gentlemen and their ladies, not to speak of a slippery nude winged angel created (Cynthia recalls in her memoirs) to the special order of a clerical client.

There is a moment of ironic fantasy in the final scene, with Christine-Cynthia in the dock, facing ranks of red-robed judges — every one of them a sometime client. As the memoirs insist, the majority of her gentlemen were pillars of the Establishment who arrived in pinstripes and bowlers — discarded, once inside, in favour of schoolboy suits and lurid lingerie.

David Leland's script is generally best when it stays closest to its original — for example, in a scene where the heroine, under arrest, offers each policeman an impromptu free analysis of his sexual problems. Changes are not necessarily for the better. Cynthia's own characterization of her father and her relationship with him are more convincing than the socially upgraded and more dramatically coloured version in the script; and though Cynthia (always concerned with the therapeutic function of sex) actually did provide girls for both her son and her father, the film makes her action seem unduly crude by staging it on the same occasion, with the same girl.

Julie Walters's performance is intelligent and understanding, with the right warmth and spunkiness and naive ambition. A scene like the confrontation with her father at her sister's wedding shows clearly that with more discipline (a term used with circumspection after encountering Cynthia Payne) to curb her easy mannerisms, she would be a formidable actress. Alec McCowen is funny and charming as her eccentric patron Squadron-Leader Mitchell (Morten in the film) who could claim "206 raids over Germany in bra and panties". Danny Schiller is odd and touching as Dolly, the heroine's cronish croney.

Menahem Golan's energy is awesome. Even while performing the tricky juggling act necessary to support the amorphous and rumour-riddled Cannon empire, he manages still to direct films. Golan is undoubtedly an *auteur*. He cares little for the niceties of sense or taste or continuity; but even his worst films have drive, vitality and prodigal excess of action and sentiment.

The story of **Over the Top** would do for a Victorian children's weepie. The mortal sickness and death of his estranged wife reunites Sylvester Stallone with his 12-year-old son, who has been reared as a spoiled brat by his mean moneybags grandpappy. At first appalled by his truck-driver dad, the priggish child soon learns to respect him as an all-American guy and world-class arm wrestler.

It is shameless sentimental melodrama, kept going by Golan's nerve, George Moroder's score and set-pieces like the final wrestling bout and a scene of Stallone entering the front hall of a Bel-Air mansion in his truck. Stallone was paid $12 million for his soulful performance: unfortunately it seems not to have appealed to his fans and the film looks unlikely to gross even that sum.

An international Cannon production, Lina Wertmuller's **The Neapolitan Connection** (*Camorra, un complicato intrigo di donne, vicoli e delitti*), also turns out to be an overwrought melodrama, though it undoubtedly has the best social intentions. Wertmuller's script uses a murder mystery to explore the fringes of the Neapolitan underworld.

A series of assassinations (each characterized by a hypodermic syringe spearing the victim's testes) brings out into the daylight the villains of the drug trade, at every level from the Camorra bosses to the under-teen child peddlers. In a fable-fantasy ending, the avengers turn out to be women of Naples, the mothers of infant victims of the narcotics trade.

The stars are non-Italian — Angela Molina, Harvey Keitel, Francisco Rabal — which makes for some clumsy dubbing. Daniel Ezralow's nationality is uncertain but — playing a dancer with a history of sexual abuse which might distress Cynthia Payne — he excels in physical display, pursuing a speeding motorcycle on foot in a novel variant of the conventional street chase.

Gene Wilder is funny but his scripts — stuck in the groove of parodying old film genres — get progressively less and less so. An intended horror-comedy shot in Britain, **Haunted Honeymoon** has a lot of running about but very few ideas. Even Dom de Luise as a stately dowager who cribs her lines from *The Old Dark House* soon palls. Above stairs in the dowager's mysterious mansion the most consistent comic performance is Gilda Radner as Wilder's fearless fiancee; below stairs such distinction as there is belongs to Bryan Pringle and Ann Way as gruesome ancient retainers.

David Robinson

CINEMA

Personal Services (18)
Plaza 1, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue, Screen on the Green

Over the Top (PG)
Warner West End, Cannon Haymarket

The Neapolitan Connection (18)
Cannons Swiss Centre, Baker Street

Haunted Honeymoon (PG)
Leicester Square Theatre



Class mates: Streatham madam Julie Walters (left), aided by Shirley Stelfox, entertaining regular client John Shrapnel in *Personal Services*

Party time

ROCK

The Party
Wembley Arena

It must be hoped that the brave soul who paid £6,500 at auction for a programme signed by performers at The Party, the Wembley concert for Aids research, is not now ascribing his generosity to April foolery. The rest of us, asked to pay £25 a ticket (including a "£15 voluntary contribution"), may simply reflect how big a business such pop philanthropy has become since Live Aid.

According to the compere, Mike Smith, this curtain-raiser to International Aids Day will eventually be seen by 100 million television viewers. The crowd's noisy response was to release inflated condoms, proferred in packets by attendants in T-shirts advocating safe sex.

An event it certainly was, yet only occasionally did it fulfil the musical promise of the bill. With so many stars performing so few songs, a lack of sustained excitement was pardonable. But it was not until Meat Loaf's rock 'n' roll medley near the end that everyone was sufficiently roused to dance. Boy George in particular sounded woefully



In good voice: Elton John

rusty, suffering by comparison with the bona fide reggae of Aswad, who opened the show.

The best of the rest included a barefoot Sandie Shaw singing "Anyone Who Had A Heart", Tom Robinson with "Glad To Be Gay", and the Communards' Jimmy Somerville dueting with Sarah-Jane Morris on "Don't Leave Me This Way". Elton John, singing "Will You Love Me Tomorrow", showed no sign of his recent throat operation.

Not even Bobby Womack, a man among boys, or Bob Geldof, whose gauche performance of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" was oddly appealing, could upstage George Michael, whose squealing reception increased when briefly reunited with his old Wham! partner, Andrew Ridgeley. But Holly Johnson stood up well. His song "Power Of Love" emphasized above all other performances why we had come. The evening should have ended there.

Michael Watts

Rich conundrum

OPERA

The King Goes Forth to France
Covent Garden

Aulis Sallinen's third opera is a history play about people who are the puppets of time: the English king of some fantastical present duly goes forth to France, and finds himself bound to re-enact the adventures of Edward III at Crécy and Calais.

It is a rich conundrum that Paavo Haavikko's libretto unfolds and reties; readers of Finnish will be able to judge better than I how well it worked in its original form as a radio play.

But the music has learned too well the lesson that imitation is inevitable, that any new gesture will unfailingly be a repetition of what we have heard: and the new Royal Opera production, which opened last night, confirms what the original Savonlinna staging powerfully suggested: that an eminently operatic fable has not been quite sufficiently composed.

The Covent Garden production also confirms that the strengths of the drama, and perhaps the mildnesses of the music too, act to stimulate invention in the staging. But where at Savonlinna the opera was taken into a fairytale world of futuristic medievalism, Nicholas Hytner looks alternatively for what is hard, square and real in the story of warfare in Normandy and Flanders.

The setting is brutally simple: all the action takes place within a high-walled, dark grey box, and virtually the only feature of decor is an immense cannon supported on a pair of large corrugated wheels, the kind of image for which the word "phallic" was invented.

The costumes, with the exception of four wide-skirted 1950s gowns for the failed queens, repeat the colours of steel and gunmetal, but in each act there is a contrasting splash of vivid blood red: on the official boxes of somnambulant bureaucrats, on the poppy fields of northern France, on the helium-floated balloons of the populace of Calais.

The message that war is unimaginative and bloody may be pretty straightforward, but it is essential to the work, and it is varied by equally appropriate dissonances of period (some of the costumes are pure 14th-century, while others refer to more recent goings forth to France) and by a strong dose of burlesque, especially in the middle act. One may have doubts about whether Sallinen's score can sustain the ironies of a chorus line of Genoese bowmen or a blind King of Bohemia pushed on in a wheelchair with his lance rampant, but it is certainly pleasing to see a whack being taken at the institution of surtitles, which keep us up to date with progress at Crécy in comic-strip terms.

If the score were to show similar commitment, imagination and wit, then this would be a very remarkable evening, but Sallinen places a very great deal of trust in seven or eight quite simple themes, usually floated on pedals or ostinatos: one might feel, as with the recent Penderecki, that if this is all of tonality that can be "rediscovered", then it were best left lost.

The language is, I fear, too simple to cope with the situations. The terrible flaying of a man in the last act, for instance, is accompanied merely by a continuation of the Shostakovich-like quick march that has been associated with this character, and the strains of madness and eroticism that work themselves around The Caroline of the Thick Mane have no answer in the score.

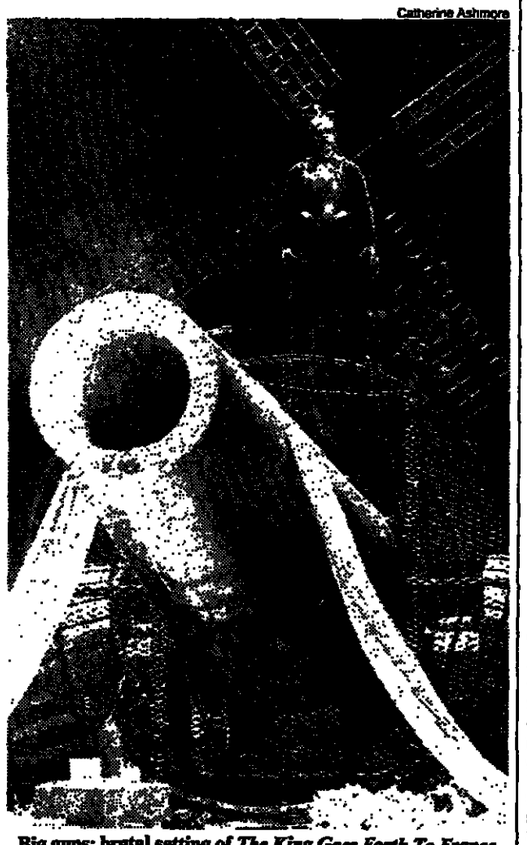
Indeed, the music for all of the four leading female characters is disappointing. They may be thin characters, but they should surely not be bores. Here only Eilene Hannan, in fine, clear voice as The Nice Caroline, cut much of a vocal figure. Sarah Walker, as that other densely coiffured Caroline, suggested she might have done something with the role if there had been something to do. Valerie Masterson as The Anne who Steals and Jane Turner as The Anne who Strips could only identify themselves briefly.

Vocally the opera belongs to its male characters. Mikael Melbye as the King provided an aptly wild, grim lyricism and dark tone for the manic hooligan, and sang the English translation as confidently as all the native speakers around him. Stafford Dean nicely distinguished the elder from the younger statesman in his portrayal of the two Prime Ministers, while keeping for both his vocal richness and clear declamation. Kim Begley seized the part of the appalled Guide with conviction, and Ian McDiarmid was eloquent as the narrator Froissart.

What remains curious is that this King should have gone forth in four independent productions within three years, but perhaps there was some answer to that riddle in the strong projection of Sallinen's bold musical shapes from both chorus and orchestra under Okko Kamu. There is something touching in such self-confidence.

Paul Griffiths

Catherine Ashmore



Big guns: brutal setting of *The King Goes Forth To France*

Mixture fails to fuse

THEATRE

A Piece of my Mind
Apollo

The good news is that Peter Nichols, five years after renouncing the theatre and all its works, has written his next play. The not quite such good news is that his subject is a playwright who, having renounced the theatre, tries to write novels, finds himself blocked and finally starts his next play.

Nichols is a master craftsman of plays in which characters hop in and out of themselves, commenting ruefully on the past while re-enacting it, and giving us a great laugh into the bargain. But the even less good news is that in this play (reviewed by Irving Wardle during its pre-London tour) the brilliant parts do not fuse into a great whole.

The scene is the Gloucestershire study of Ted Forrest (George Cole), furnished with four doors through which his wife (Anna Carteret) enters in various guises, sexy or dour.

There is also a theatre critic, played with a suave relish by Jerome Willis, who stalks in from cupboard, lavatory (or toilet), to compare the play we are watching unfavourably with the work of Miles Whitier.

This splendidly named rival playwright — whom we can take to be not absolutely unlike Tom Stoppard — appears in the play, though only briefly, and accompanied by gorgeous lights and a Coronation Anthem. But his triumphant progress is the spike in Forrest's heart. Rotted with envious thoughts, he pictures him making love to his wife and plots bizarre deaths for him.

The discordant pains of envy are shown in passages charged with undoubted anguish. But already by the interval this theme has become too awkward, and despite George Cole's range of ironic gesture, and a sparkling production by Justin Greene, it remains too particular for the play to pull us along with it.

Jeremy Kingston

Spirit in the sky

The Magic Flute
Marlowe, Canterbury

Papageno's bells have worked their magic: Kent Opera's new touring *Flute* is well worth tracking down. It may have something to do with the fact that, for once, they play at pitch, on a real glockenspiel. It certainly has a lot to do with Papageno himself, in Andrew Shore a lusty Lancastrian birdcatcher who plays and sings out his every emotion to the full, whether in an ecstasy of wonder or of rage.

The magic has most to do, however, with Robert Knights's direction. This is his first opera; and, yes, thank goodness, he *listens*. There is space for the music to breathe (though with Ivan Fischer in the pit, it does so somewhat fitfully), and space for whatever "meaning" you choose to surface. This is a production low on the pantomimic, comparatively low, too, on the Egyptology, and high on timeless and uncluttered spirituality.

The sky is the limit: Roger Butlin's cloud designs for the walls of the Marlowe Theatre itself have provided continuing inspiration for him. The snake descends from them; the stones of the earthly temple are suspended from them; and costumes are in shades of aethereal blue, blurring into a cloudy batik the more enlightened the wearer.

The Queen of the Night rises only to a luminous black, though Eileen Hulse's voice can certainly deliver the stratospheric goods. And Patricia Rozario's Pamina shows just what a fine Mozartian she is becoming.

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Parliament 'out of touch' say Tory MPs after capital punishment vote

Call for hanging referendum

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs yesterday accused Parliament of being out of touch with public opinion after its decisive rejection of the return of capital punishment in the Commons on Wednesday.

They were urging the Prime Minister to agree to a referendum on the death penalty, or to allow yet another vote early *in the next parliament*, after the 342-230 vote majority against capital punishment for "evil" murders.

The majority was lower than the 145-vote margin against the principle of the death penalty when the Commons last debated the issue in 1983 soon after the General Election.

Conservative MPs were drawing some comfort from *the belief that the majority* would have been further reduced if a more satisfactory method of deciding the issue had been chosen than that opted for by Sir Ian Percival, the former Solicitor General, in his new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill.

The clause would have placed the onus on the jury to make a moral judgement as to whether particular murders were "evil", and many MPs agreed *with Mr Douglas Hurd*, the Home Secretary, that it placed too heavy a burden on the jury.

In the Commons vote late on Wednesday only three Cabinet ministers, Mr Norman Fowler, Mr John Moore and Mr Nicholas Ridley, voted for the return of the death penalty.

Mr Hurd was one of 12 who voted against, the others being Mr John Biffen, Mr Paul Channon, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Mr *Michael Jopling*, Mr Tom King, Mr John Macgregor, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Nigel Lawson and Mr Malcolm Rifkind. Some 222 Conservatives backed the proposition and 127 voted against.

Sir Ian said yesterday that he was disappointed, but that the issue would not go away and he would expect Parliament to discuss it again.

Mr Terry Dicks, Conservative MP for Hayes and *Harlington, called on the* Prime Minister to order a referendum on the death penalty. "The vote shows that Parliament is totally out of touch with public opinion. I predict that a referendum would produce a majoritu of 80 to 85 per cent in favour of restoration," he said.

Mr Peter Bruinvels, Conservative MP for Leicester East, wrote to Mrs Thatcher urging her to include a pledge in the next manifesto that a vote would be held immediately after the election.

The death penalty supporters lacked their two most influential supporters, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Tory chairman, who was away on a foreign holiday.



Sir Ian Percival: disappointed after rejection of his proposal

Yes

Adley, Robert (Christchurch, C)
Aitken, Jonathan (Thanet South, C)
Alexander, Richard (Newark, C)
Amess, David (Basildon, C)
Arnold, Tom (Hazel Grove, C)
Ashworth, Jack (Wansdyke, C)
Atkins, Sir Humphrey (Spelthorne, C)
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Atkinson, David (Bournemouth E, C)
Baker, Nicholas (Dorset North, C)
Bakery, Tony (Banbury, C)
Batiste, Spencer (Elmet, C)
Beaumont-Dark, Anthony (Birmingham Selly Oak, C)
Beggs, Roy (Antrim East, OUP)
Bellingham, Henry (Norfolk NW, C)
Bendall, Vivian (Ilford North, C)
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Blaker, Sir Peter (Blackpool South, C)
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Boscawen, Robert (Somerton and Frome, C)
Bowden, Andrew (Brighton Kemptown, C)
Bowden, Gerald (Dulwich, C)
Boyson, Dr Rhodes (Brent North, C)
Braine, Sir Bernard (Castle Point, C)
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Bright, Graham (Luton South, C)
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Dicks, Terence (Hayes and Harlington, C)
Dover, Den (Chorley, C)
du Cann, Sir Edward (Taunton, C)
Dunn, Robert (Dartford, C)
Durant, Anthony (Reading West, C)
Eggar, Tim (Enfield North, C)
Emery, Sir Peter (Honiton, C)
Eyre, Sir Reginald (Birmingham, Hall Green, C)
Fallon, Michael (Darlington, C)
Farr, Sir John (Harborough, C)
Favell, Tony (Stockport, C)
Fenner, Dame Peggy (Medway, C)
Finsberg, Sir Geoffrey (Hampstead and Highgate, C)
Fookes, Janet (Plymouth, Drake, C)
Forsyth, Michael (Stirling, C)
Forsythe, Clifford (S Antrim, OUP)
Forth, Eric (Mid Worcestershire, C)
Fowler, Norman (Sutton Coldfield, C)
Fox, Sir Marcus (Shipley, C)
Fry, Peter (Wellingborough, C)
Gale, Roger (North Thanet, C)
Galley, Roy (Hallifax, C)
Gardiner, George (Reigate, C)
Glyn, Dr Alan (Windsor and Maidenhead, C)
Goodhart, Sir Philip (Beckenham, C)
Gower, Sir Raymond (Vale of Glamorgan, C)
Grant, Sir Anthony (S W Cambs, C)
Greenway, Harry (Ealing North, C)
Gregory, Conal (York, C)
Griffiths, Sir Eldon (Bury St Edmunds, C)
Griffiths, Peter (Portsmouth North, C)
Grylls, Michael (N W Surrey, C)
Hamilton, Archie (Epsom & Ewell, C)
Hamilton, Neil (Tatton, C)
Hanley, Jeremy (Richmond and Barnes, C)
Hannam, John (Exeter, C)
Hargreaves, K (Hyndburn, C)
Hawkins, Sir Paul (South West Norfolk, C)
Hawksley, Warren (The Wrekin, C)
Haywood, Robert (Kingswood, C)
Hedder, John (Mid Staffs, C)
Henderson, B (N E Fife, C)
Hicknel, Richard (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C)
Hicks, R (S E Cornwall, C)
Hill, James (Southampton, Test, C)
Hind, Kenneth (West Lancashire, C)
Holland, Sir P (Gedling, C)
Holt, Richard (Langbaurgh, C)
Hordern, Sir P (Horsham, C)
Howarth, Gerald (Cannock and Burntwood, C)
Howell, Ralph (North Norfolk, C)
Hubbard Miles, Peter (Bridgend)
Hunt, John (Ravensb'ne, C)
Hunter, Andrew (B'stoke, C)
Jackson, Robert (Wantage, C)
Jessel, Toby (Twickenham, C)
Jones, Robert (West Herts, C)
Kellett-Bowman, Elaine (Lancaster, C)
Key, Robert (Salisbury, C)
Kilfedder, James (North Down, UPUP)
King, Roger (Birm'ham, Northfield, C)
Knight, Gregory (Derby North, C)
Knight, Dame Jill (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C)
Lang, Ian (Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, C)
Latham, Michael (Rutland & Melton, C)
Lawrence, Ivan (Burton, C)
Lee, John (Pendle, C)
Leigh, Edward (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C)
Lightbown, David (South East Staffordshire, C)
Lord, Michael (Central Suffolk, C)
McCrea, Rev Robert (Mid-Ulster, DUP)
McCrindle, Robert (Brentwood and Ongar, C)
McCusker, Harold (Upper Bann, OUP)
Macfarlane, Neil (Sutton & Cheam, C)
MacKay, Andrew (East Berkshire, C)
MacKay, John (Argyll and Bute, C)
Mackinlay, David (Penrith and the Border, C)
McLoughlin, Patrick (Derbyshire West, C)
McNair-Wilson, Patrick (N Forest, C)
McQuarrie, Albert (Banff & Buchan, C)
Mahins, Humfrey (Croydon North West, C)
Marland, Paul (W Gloucs, C)
Marlow, Antony (Northampton N, C)
Males, Michael (East Hampshire, C)
Mather, Sir Carol (Esher, C)
Maude, Francis (N Warwicks, C)
Mawhinney, Dr Brian (Peterboro', C)
Maxwell-Hyslop, Robin (Tiverton, C)
Merchant, Piers (Newcastle upon Tyne Central, C)
Miller, Hilary (Bromsgrove, C)
Mills, Iain (Meriden, C)
Mills, Sir Peter (Torridge and West Devon, C)
Mitchell, David (North West Hampshire, C)
Molyneaux, James (Lagan Valley, OUP)
Monro, Sir Hector (Dumfries, C)
Montgomery, Sir Fergus (Altrincham and Sale, C)
Moore, John (Croydon Central, C)
Morrison, Peter (City of Chester, C)
Moynihan, Colin (Lewisham East, C)
Mudd, David (Falmouth and Camborne, C)
Neale, Gerrard (North Cornwall, C)
Neubert, Michael (Romford, C)
Nicholls, Patrick (Teignbridge, C)
Norris, Steven (Oxford East, C)
Oppenheim, Phillip (Amber Valley, C)
Oppenheim, Sally (Gloucester, C)
Osborn, Sir John (Sh'field, Hallam, C)
Ottaway, Richard (Nottingham N, C)
Page, Sir John (Harrow West, C)
Page, Richard (S W Herts, C)
Parkinson, Cecil (Hertsmere, C)
Peacock, Elizabeth (Batley & Spen, C)
Percival, Sir Ian (Southport, C)
Pollock, Alexander (Moray, C)
Porter, Barry (Wirral South, C)
Portillo, Michael (Enfield S'gate, C)
Powley, John (Norwich South, C)
Price, Sir David (Eastleigh, C)
Proctor, Harvey (Billericay, C)
Rees, Peter (Dover, C)
Ridley, Nicholas (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C)
Roberts, Wyn (Conwy, C)
Robinson, Peter (Belfast East, DUP)
Roe, Marion (Broxbourne, C)
Ross, William (Londonderry East, DUP)
Rost, Peter (Erewash, C)
Rumbold, Angela (Mitcham and Morden, C)
Sayeed, Jonathan (Bristol East, C)
Shaw, Sir Michael (Scarborough, C)
Shelton, William (Streatham, C)
Shepherd, Colin (Hereford, C)
Shepherd, Richard (Aldridge Brownhills, C)
Shersby, Michael (Uxbridge, C)
Silvester, Fred (Manchester, Withington, C)
Sims, Roger (Chislehurst, C)
Skeet, Sir Trevor (North Beds, C)
Smith, Sir Dudley (Warwick and Leamington, C)
Speed, Keith (Ashford, C)
Speller, Tony (North Devon, C)
Spencer, Derek (Leicester South, C)
Spicer, Jim (West Dorset, C)
Stanbrook, Ivor (Orpington, C)
Steen, Anthony (South Hams, C)
Stevens, Lewis (Nuneaton, C)
Stewart, Allan (Eastwood, C)
Stewart, Andrew (Sherwood, C)
Stewart, Donald (Western Isles, SNP)
Stewart, Ian (North Herts, C)
Stokes, John (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C)
Sumberg, David (Bury South, C)
Taylor, John M (Solihull, C)
Taylor, Teddy (Southend East, C)
Terlezki, Stefan (Cardiff West, C)
Thompson, Donald (Calder Valley, C)
Thompson, Patrick (Norwich, N, C)
Thorne, Neil (Ilford, South, C)
Thornton, Malcolm (Crosby, C)
Thumham, Peter (Bolton N E, C)
Townend, John (Bridlington, C)
Tracey, Richard (Surbiton, C)
Trippier, David (Rossendale and Darwen, C)
Trotter, Neville (Tynemouth, C)
Twinn, Dr Ian (Edmonton, C)
Van Straubenzee, Sir William (Wokingham, C)
Vaughan, Sir Gerard (Reading East, C)
Viggers, Peter (Gosport, C)
Waddington, David (Ribble Valley, C)
Walker, Cecil (Belfast North, OUP)
Walker, William (North Tayside, C)
Wardle, Charles (Bexhill and Battle, C)
Ware, John (Pendle, C)
Leigh, Edward (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C)
Lightbown, David (South East Staffordshire, C)
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McCusker, Harold (Upper Bann, OUP)
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MacKay, Andrew (East Berkshire, C)
MacKay, John (Argyll and Bute, C)
Mackinlay, David (Penrith and the Border, C)
McLoughlin, Patrick (Derbyshire West, C)
McNair-Wilson, Patrick (N Forest, C)
McQuarrie, Albert (Banff & Buchan, C)
Mahins, Humfrey (Croydon North West, C)
Marland, Paul (W Gloucs, C)
Marlow, Antony (Northampton N, C)
Males, Michael (East Hampshire, C)
Mather, Sir Carol (Esher, C)
Maude, Francis (N Warwicks, C)
Mawhinney, Dr Brian (Peterboro', C)
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Mills, Iain (Meriden, C)
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Molyneaux, James (Lagan Valley, OUP)
Monro, Sir Hector (Dumfries, C)
Montgomery, Sir Fergus (Altrincham and Sale, C)
Moore, John (Croydon Central, C)
Morrison, Peter (City of Chester, C)
Moynihan, Colin (Lewisham East, C)
Mudd, David (Falmouth and Camborne, C)
Neale, Gerrard (North Cornwall, C)
Neubert, Michael (Romford, C)
Nicholls, Patrick (Teignbridge, C)
Norris, Steven (Oxford East, C)
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Oppenheim, Sally (Gloucester, C)
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Peacock, Elizabeth (Batley & Spen, C)
Percival, Sir Ian (Southport, C)
Pollock, Alexander (Moray, C)
Porter, Barry (Wirral South, C)
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Powley, John (Norwich South, C)
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Ridley, Nicholas (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C)
Roberts, Wyn (Conwy, C)
Robinson, Peter (Belfast East, DUP)
Roe, Marion (Broxbourne, C)
Ross, William (Londonderry East, DUP)
Rost, Peter (Erewash, C)
Rumbold, Angela (Mitcham and Morden, C)
Sayeed, Jonathan (Bristol East, C)
Shaw, Sir Michael (Scarborough, C)
Shelton, William (Streatham, C)
Shepherd, Colin (Hereford, C)
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Shersby, Michael (Uxbridge, C)
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Thumham, Peter (Bolton N E, C)
Townend, John (Bridlington, C)
Tracey, Richard (Surbiton, C)
Trippier, David (Rossendale and Darwen, C)
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Ware, John (Pendle, C)
Warren, Kenneth (Hastings and Rye, C)
Watts, John (Slough, C)
Wells, Bowen (Hertford & Stortford, C)
Wells, Sir John (Maidstone, C)
Whitney, Raymond (Wycombe, C)
Wiggin, Jerry (Weston-super-Mare, C)
Wilkinson, John (Ruislip-Northwood, C)
Winterton, Nicholas (Macclesfield, C)
Wolfson, Mark (Sevenoaks, C)
Wood, Timothy (Stevenage, C)
Yeo, Tim (Suffolk, S) (Michael (Ellesmere Port and Neston, C)
Yeo, Timothy (South Suffolk, C)
Yellen, Sir Peter (Hyndburn, C)
Bruinvels, Peter (Leicester East, C)
Pawsey, James (Rugby and Kenilworth, C)

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Adams, Allen (Paisley North, Lab)
Alton, David (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L)
Amery, Julian (Brighton Pavilion, C)
Anderson, Donald (Swansea E, Lab)
Archer, Peter (Warley West, Lab)
Ashley, David (N W Leics)
Ashdown, Paddy (Yeovil, L)
Ashley, Jack (Stoke-on-T S, Lab)
Ashton, Joe (Bassetlaw, Lab)
Atkinson, Norman (Tottenham, Lab)
Bagier, Gordon (Sunderland S, Lab)
Baker, Kenneth (Mole Valley, C)
Banks, Tony (Newham N W, Lab)
Barnes, Rosie (Greenwich, SDP)
Barron, Kevin (Rother Valley, Lab)
Beckett, Margaret (Derby S, Lab)
Beith, Alan (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L)
Bell, Stuart (Middlesbrough, Lab)
Benn, Tony (Chesterfield, Lab)
Bennett, Andrew (Denton and Reddish, Lab)
Benyon, William (Milton Keynes, C)
Bermingham, Gerald (St Helens South, Lab)
Best, Keith (Ynys Môn, C)
Bidwell, Sydney (Ealing, Southall, Lab)
Biffen, John (North Shropshire, C)
Blair, Anthony (Sedgefield, Lab)
Body, Sir Richard (Holland with Boston, C)
Boothroyd, Betty (West Bromwich West, Lab)
Bottomley, Peter (Eltham, C)
Bottomley, Virginia (S W Surrey, C)
Boyes, Roland (Houghton and Washington, Lab)
Bray, Dr Jeremy (Motherwell S, Lab)
Brittan, Leon (Richmond, Yorks, C)
Brooke, Peter (City of London and Westminster South, C)
Brown, Gordon (Dunfermline East, Lab)
Brown, Hugh (Glasgow, Provan, Lab)
Brown, Nicholas (Newcastle upon Tyne East, Lab)
Brown, Robert (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Lab)
Brown, Ronald (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab)
Bruce, Malcolm (Gordon, Lib)
Buchan, Norman (Paisley South, Lab)
Buchanan-Smith, Alick (Kincardine and Deeside, C)
Buck, Sir Antony (Colchester N, C)
Budgen, Nicholas (Wolverhampton S W, C)
Burt, Alistair (Bury North, C)
Butler, Sir Adam (Bosworth, C)
Butterfill, John (Bournmouth West, C)
Cabborn, Richard (Sheffield Cen, Lab)
Callaghan, James (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab)
Callaghan, James (Heywood and Middleton, Lab)
Campbell, Ian (Dunbarton, Lab)
Campbell-Savours, Dale (Workington, Lab)
Canavan, Dennis (Falkirk West, Lab)
Carlile, Alexander (Montgomery, L)
Carlisle, Kenneth (Lincoln, C)
Carlisle, Mark (Warrington South, C)
Carter-Jones, Lewis (Eccles, Lab)
Carttiss, Virginia (Weaver, SDP)
Channon, Paul (Southend West, C)
Clark, Dr David (South Shields, Lab)
Clarke, Kenneth (Rushcliffe, C)
Clarke, Thomas (Monklands W, Lab)
Clay, Robert (Sunderland North, Lab)
Cleland, David (Tyne Bridge, Lab)
Clwyd, Ann (Cynon Valley, Lab)
Cocks, Michael (Bristol South, Lab)
Cohen, Harry (Leyton, Lab)
Coleman, Donald (Neath, Lab)
Conlan, Bernard (Gateshead E, Lab)
Cook, Frank (Stockton North, Lab)
Cook, Robin (Livingston, Lab)
Cope, John (Northavon, C)
Corbett, Robin (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab)
Corbyn, Jeremy (Islington North, Lab)
Cox, Tom (Tooting, Lab)
Craigen, James (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab)
Crouch, David (Canterbury, C)
Cunliffe, Lawrence (Leigh, Lab)
Cunningham, Dr John (Copeland, Lab)
Davies, Denzil (Llanelli, Lab)
Davis, Terence (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab)
Deakins, Eric (Walthamstow, Lab)
Dewar, Donald (Glasgow, Garscadden, Lab)
Dixon, Donald (Jarrow, Lab)
Dobson, Frank (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab)
Dorrnand, Jack (Easington, Lab)
Dorrell, Stephen (Loughborough, C)
Douglas, Richard (Dumfermline W, Lab)
Douglas-Hamilton, Lord James (Edinburgh West, C)
Duffy, Alfred (Battersea, Lab)
Duffy, Patrick (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab)
Dunwoody, Gwyneth (Crewe and Nantwich, Lab)
Eadie, Alex (Midlothian, Lab)
Eastham Kenneth (Manchester, Blackley, Lab)
Edwards, Robert (Wolverhampton South East, Lab)
Edwards, Nicholas (Pembroke, C)
Ellis, Raymond (North East Derbyshire, Lab)
Fairbairn, Nicholas (Perth and Kinross, C)
Faichetl, Derek (Leeds Central, Lab)
Faulds, Andrew (Warley East, Lab)
Field, Frank (Birkenhead, Lab)
Fields, Terry (Liverpool, Broadgreen, Lab)
Fisher, Mark (Stoke-on-Trent, C, Lab)
Flannery, Martin (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)
Fletcher, Sir Alex (Edinburgh, Central, C)
Foot, Michael (Blaenau Gwent, Lab)
Forman, Nigel (Carshalton and Wallington, C)
Forrester, John (Stoke-on-Trent, North, Lab)
Foster, Derek (Bishop Auckland, Lab)
Foulkes, George (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab)
Franks, Cecil (Barrow and Furness, C)
Fraser, John (Norwood, Lab)
Fraser, Peter (East Angus, C)
Freeman, Roger (Kettering, C)
Freud, Clement (N E Cambs, L)
Garel-Jones, Tristan (Watford, C)
Garrett, Edward (Wallsend, Lab)
George, Bruce (Walsall South, Lab)
Gilmour, Sir Ian (Chesham and Amersham, C)
Godman, Dr Norman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab)
Golding, Llin (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Lab)
Goodlad, Alastair (Eddisbury, C)
Gorst, John (Hendon North, C)
Gould, Bryan (Dagenham, Lab)
Gourlay, Harry (Kircaldy, Lab)
Gow, Ian (Eastbourne, C)
Grist, Ian (Cardiff Central, C)
Ground, P (Feltham & Heston, C)
Hamilton, James (Motherwell N, Lab)
Hamilton, William (Fife Central, Lab)
Hampson, Dr Keith (Leeds NW, C)
Hancock, Michael (Portsmouth S, SDP)
Hardy, Peter (Wentworth, Lab)
Harris, David (St Ives, C)
Harrison, Walter (Wakefield, Lab)
Hart, Dame Judith (Clydesdale, Lab)
Harvey, Robert (Clwyd SW, Lab)
Haselhurst, Alan (Saffron Walden, C)
Hattersley, Roy (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)
Havers, Sir Michael (Wimbledon, C)
Hayes, Jerry (Harlow, C)
Hayhoe, Sir Barney (Brentford and Isleworth, C)
Haynes, Frank (Ashfield, Lab)
Healey, Denis (Leeds East, Lab)
Heath, Edward (Old Bedley and Sidcup, C)
Heffer, Eric (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)
Higgins, Terence (Worthing, C)
Hirst, Michael (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C)
Hogg, Douglas (Grantham, C)
Hogg, Norman (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Lab)
Holland, Stuart (Vauxhall, Lab)
Home Robertson, John (E Lothian, Lab)
Howard, Michael (Folkestone and Hythe, C)
Howarth, Alan (Stratford-on-Avon, C)
Howarth, George (Knowsley N, Lab)
Howell, Denis (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab)
Howells, Mr Geraint (Ceredigion and Pembroke North, L)
Hoyle, Douglas (Warrington N, Lab)
Hughes, Dr Mark (City of Durham, Lab)
Hughes, Robert (Aberdeen North, Lab)
Hughes, Roy (Newport East, Lab)
Hughes, Sean (Knowsley South, Lab)
Hughes, Simon (Southwark and Bermondsey, L)
Hume, John (Foyle, SDLP)
Hunt, David (Wirral West, C)
Hurd, Douglas (Witney, C)
Irving, Charles (Cheltenham, C)
Janner, Greville (Leicester West, Lab)
Jenkin, Mr Patrick (Wanstead and Woodford, C)
Jenkins, Roy (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP)
John, Brynmor (Pontypridd, Lab)
Jones, Barry (Alyn and Deeside, Lab)
Jones, Gwilym (Cardiff North, C)
Jopling, Michael (Westmorland and Lonsdale, C)
Joseph, Sir Keith (Leeds NE, C)
Kaufman, Gerald (Manchester, Gorton, Lab)
Kennedy, Charles (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP)
Kershaw, Sir Anthony (Stroud, C)
King, Tom (Bridgwater, C)
Kinnock, Neil (Islwyn, Lab)
Kirkwood, Archy (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L)
Knox, David (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C)
Lamble, David (Cunninghame S, Lab)
Lamond, James (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab)
Lamont, Norman (Kingston upon Thames, C)
Lawler, Geoffrey (Bradford North, C)
Lawson, Nigel (Blaby, C)
Leadbitter, Edward (Hartlepool, Lab)
Leighton, Ronald (Newham NE, Lab)
Lennox-Boyd, Mark (Morecambe and Lunesdale, C)
Lestor, Joan (*Broxtowe, C*)
Lewis, Ronald (Carlisle, Lab)
Lewis, Terence (Worsley, Lab)
Lilley, Peter (St Albans, C)
Litherland, Robert (Manchester, Central, Lab)
Livsey, Richard (Brecon & Radnor, L)
Lloyd, Sir Ian (Havant, C)
Lloyd, Peter (Fareham, C)
Lofthouse, Geoffrey (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab)
Loyden, Edward (Liverpool, Garston, Lab)
Luce, Richard (Shoreham, C)
Lyell, Nicholas (Mid Bedfordshire, C)
McCartney, Hugh (Clydebank and Milngavie, Lab)
McCurley, Anna (Renfrew West and Inverclyde, L)
McDonald, Dr Oonagh (Thurrock, Lab)
MacGregor, John (South Norfolk, C)
McKay, Allen (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab)
MacKenzie, Gregor (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab)
McNamara, Robert (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP)
McTaggart, Robert (Glasgow Central, Lab)
McWilliam, John (Blaydon, Lab)
Madden, Max (Bradford West, Lab)
Madel, David (SW Bedfordshire, C)
Major, John (Huntingdon, C)
Mallon, Seamus (Newry and Armagh, SDLP)
Maples, John (Lewisham West, C)
Marek, John (Wrexham, Lab)
Marshall, David (Glasgow, Shettleston, Lab)
Martlin, Michael (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab)
Mason, Roy (Barnsley Central, Lab)
Maxton, John (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab)
Mayhew, Sir Patrick (Tunbridge Wells, C)
Maynard, Joan (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab)
Meacher, Michael (Oldham West, Lab)
Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L)
Mellor, David (Putney, C)
Meyer, Sir Anthony (NW Clwyd, C)
Michie, William (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)
Mikardo, Ian (Bow and Poplar, Lab)
Millan, Bruce (Glasgow Govan, Lab)
Miller, Dr Maurice (East Kilbride, Lab)
Miscampbell, Norman (Blackpool N, C)
Mitchell, Austin (Great Grimsby, Lab)
Mobie, Roger (Faversham, C)
Morris, Alfred (Manchester Wythenshawe, Lab)
Morris, John (Aberavon, Lab)
Morris, Michael (Northampton S, C)
Morrison, Charles (Devizes, C)
Needham, Richard (N Wilts, C)
Nellist, David (Coventry S E, Lab)
Nelson, Anthony (Chichester, C)
Newton, Antony (Braintree, C)
Oakes, Gordon (Halton, Lab)
O'Brien, William (Normanton, Lab)
Onslow, Cranley (Woking, C)
Orme, Stanley (Salford East, Lab)
Owen, Dr David (Plymouth Devonport, SDP)
Park, George (Coventry N E, Lab)
Patchett, Terry (Barnsley East, Lab)
Patten, Christopher (Bath, C)
Patten, John (Oxford West and Abingdon, C)
Pavitt, Laurence (Brent South, Lab)
Pendry, Thomas (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab)
Pike, Peter (Burnley, Lab)
Powell, Enoch (South Down, OUP)
Powell, Raymond (Oamere, Lab)
Powell, William (Corby, C)
Prentice, Reginald (Daventry, C)
Prescott, John (Hull East, Lab)
Prior, James (Waveney, C)
Pym, Francis (SE Cambs, C)
Radice, Giles (Durham North, Lab)
Raffan, Keith (Delyn, C)
Raison, Timothy (Aylesbury, C)
Rathbone, Tim (Lewes, C)
Raynsford, Nicholas (Fulham, Lab)
Redmond, Martin (Don Valley, Lab)
Rees, Merlyn (Morley and Leeds South, Lab)
Rhodes James, Robert (Cambridge, C)
Rhys Williams, Sir Brandon (Kensington, C)
Richardson, Jo (Barking, Lab)
Rifkind, Malcolm (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C)
Roberts, Ernest (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab)
Robertson, George (Hamilton, Lab)
Robinson, Geoffrey (Coventry NW, Lab)
Robinson, Mark (Newport West, C)
Rogers, Allan (Rhondda, Lab)
Rooker, Jeffrey (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab)
Ross, Ernest (Dundee West, Lab)
Ross, Stephen (Isle of Wight, L)
Rowe, Andrew (Mid Kent, C)
Rowlands, Edward (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab)
Ryder, Richard (Mid Norfolk, C)
Sackville, Thomas (Bolton West, C)
Sainsbury, Timothy (Hove, C)
St John-Stevas, Norman (Chelmsford, C)
Scott, Nicholas (Chelsea, C)
Sedgemore, Brian (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab)
Shaw, Giles (Pudsey, C)
Sheerman, Barry (Huddersfield, Lab)
Shelton, Robert (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab)
Shields, Elizabeth (Ryedale, L)
Shore, Peter (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab)
Short, Clare (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab)
Short, Renée (Wolverhampton North East, Lab)
Shrimsher, Dennis (Boisover, Lab)
Smith, Christopher (Islington South and Finsbury, Lab)
Smith, John (Monklands East, Lab)
Smith, Timothy (Beaconsfield, C)
Snape, Peter (West Bromwich East, Lab)
Soames, Nicholas (Crawley, C)
Soley, Clive (Hammersmith, Lab)
Spearing, Nigel (Newham South, Lab)
Spicer, Michael (South Worcestershire, C)
Squire, Robin (Hornchurch, C)
Stern, Michael (Bristol North West, C)
Stott, Roger (Wigan, Lab)
Strading Thomas, Sir John (Monmouth, C)
Strang, Gavin (Edinburgh East, Lab)
Straw, Jack (Blackburn, Lab)
Sumell, Sir Peter (Lindsey East, C)
Taylor Matthew (Truro, L)
Temple-Morris, Peter (Leominster, C)
Thomas, Dafydd Elis (Meriomnydd Nant Conwy, Pl C)
Thomas, Peter (Hendon South, C)
Thomas, Dr Roger (Carmarthen, Lab)
Thompson, Jack (Wansbeck, Lab)
Thorne, Stanley (Preston, Lab)
Tinn, James (Redcar, Lab)
Torney, Thomas (Bradford S, Lab)
Townend, Cyril (Berkley/Heath, C)
Wainwright, Richard (Colne Valley, L)
Wakeham, John (South Colchester and Maldon, C)
Waldegrave, William (Bristol West, C)
Walden, George (Buckingham, C)
Walker, Peter (Worcester, C)
Wallace, James (Orkney and Shetland, L)
Walters, Dennis (Westbury, C)
Wardell, Gareth (Gower, Lab)
Watkins, Robert (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab)
Watson, John (Skipton and Ripon, C)
Weetch, Ken (Ipswich, Lab)
Wheeler, John (Westminster North, C)
White, James (Glasgow, Pollok, Lab)
Wigley, Dafydd (Caernarfon, Pl C)
Williams, Alan (Swansea West, Lab)
Wilson, Gordon (Dundee East, SNP)
Winnick, David (Walsall North, Lab)
Woodall, Alec (Hemsworth, Lab)
Wrigglesworth, Ian (Stockton S, SDP)
Young, David (Bolton South East, Lab)
Young, Sir George (Ealing, Acton, C)
Tellers for the ayes:
Couchman, James (Gillingham, C)
Davies, Ronald (Caerphilly, Lab)

The House was voting on a proposed new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill, put forward by Sir Ian Percival. It read:"A person convicted by the unanimous verdict of a jury of the premeditated killing of another person or of *knowingly and intentionally killing another person in a manner, or for a reason, or in circumstances which a* reasonable person would consider to be evil, shall suffer death in the manner authorized by law."

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Traveller's tales from Moscow

Mrs Thatcher reported to the House yesterday on her visit to the Soviet Union.

Her party's tone on the subject of that power immediately underwent its most sudden reversal since June, 1941, except for 1959 – the last time a trip there by a Conservative Prime Minister coincided with a British general election. After 1959, the tone resumed its old hostility after the crisis of that year (the British general election).

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) was typical of Conservative backbench opinion during the 45 minutes or so of questions which followed her statement. He spoke of "the *unique and valuable respect* between the Right Hon Lady and the Soviet Union." She did not disabuse him of the notion.

Mrs Thatcher's statement was in the tradition of impressionable visits to the Soviet Union made by famous Englishwomen. "I told Mr Gorbachov of our welcome for his policies of openness, restructuring and democratization," she said. "They point the way to the greater trust and confidence which will be needed if we are to reach agreement *on arms* control and in other areas." She emerged, then, as a sort of Beatrice Webb armed with Polaris.

She spoke of the "very full and interesting programme arranged by the Soviet authorities" and of their "hospitality and welcome." She spoke too of "the spontaneous warmth and friendliness of the people of the Soviet Union."

statistics about Anglo-Soviet scientific co-operation were included in her replies to members' questions. The Labour Party was furious that Mrs Thatcher should get any credit for improving relations with the Soviet Union this late in the day. Many of them had been making sympathetic remarks about the place since long before the death of Stalin.

Mr Kinnock said he would like to "express pleasure at the way that either chemistry or travel has succeeded in broadening the Prime Minister's mind as far as the Soviet Union is concerned."

Helping in the elections

This set the tone for the Labour backbench reaction. Understandably, they thought that they were the ones who first had the idea of getting on well with the Soviet Union, and did not see why Mrs Thatcher should get the credit.

But lurking in the statement, and in one or

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1567.6 (+9.6)

FT-SE 100
1987.7 (+14.6)

Bargains
50718 (47598)

USM (Datastream)
162.25 (+0.63)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5985 (–0.0070)

W German mark
2.9141 (–0.0063)

Trade-weighted
71.4 (–0.2)

Burton in share shop takeover

The Burton Group has agreed to take over the share shops in its Oxford Street and Bristol department stores and has applied to the Council for Stock Exchange membership.

It has recruited stockbrokers to run the share shops and Quilter Goodison, who are running them, will withdraw.

Burton unveiled record interim profits of £92.2 million, up 24 per cent. Turnover from rose 15.7 per cent to £680.9 million for the six months to February 28.

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Marley ahead

Marley, the building materials group, yesterday reported profits in accord with the forecast made at the time of the acquisition of Nottingham Brick in February. Pretax profits in the year to the end of December 1986 increased from £24.6 million to £34.2 million.

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Reckitt up

Reckitt & Colman reports pretax profits of £145.1 million against £123.4 million on a turnover up by 4.9 per cent at £1.33 billion for the year ended January 3, and is raising the final dividend from 10p to 11.75p a share, making 18.5p (16p) for the year.

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In tomorrow's *Family Money* we ask whether gold is returning to favour on the back of nervous equity markets and falling interest rates. Also, why European air fares may be on the way down, and investment in theatre productions.

Sold out

The offer of 17.5 million shares in Mercury Asset Management, the fund management arm of Mercury International, closed fully subscribed yesterday. Employees applied for 2.8 million shares while other applications amounted to 16.2 million.

Cookson leap

Cookson Group, the specialist industrial materials company involved in metals, plastics, and chemicals, raised pretax profits 40 per cent last year to £94.5 million, beating the forecast made at its recent rights issue. The shares jumped 24p to 597p.

Peer elected

Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster Bank, has been elected chairman of the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers.

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Focus on spirits and beer business

Guinness set to sell stores

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness yesterday announced plans to sell off its retailing interests, allowing it to focus on its core spirits and beer brands.

The decision was accompanied by a revised management structure, likely to herald a reduced role at Guinness for Bain & Co, the management consultant.

At the same time, Mr Anthony Tennant, the new group chief executive, revealed that Guinness may sue the Rapid American Corporation over the assignment of the Dewar's Whisky trademark and distribution rights.

The sale of the retailing interests covers Guinness's 1,100 CTN outlets, including the Martins Group, RS McColl, Lavells and Lewis Meeson. The 7-Eleven convenience store franchise is also being sold, as is the 112-store Gordon Drummond Pharmacies chain.

The sale of the retail interests is expected to bring in about £300 million. Last year, these businesses contributed about £20 million to the total £241 million pretax profit. They are expected to make less than 5 per cent of total profits in the results for the 15 months to December 31, 1986, to be announced this month.

Lazard Brothers, Guinness's merchant bank adviser, received a number of inquiries from interested buyers. United Newspapers had already made inquiries about purchasing Martins before the announcement.

City analysts welcomed the new strategy, favoured by Mr Tennant even before he took up his position last month. They said the disposal of the retailing interests was in line with the change in the company's focus after the purchase of the Arthur Bell and the Distillers drinks businesses.

"We are essentially a major international beverage company," said Mr Tennant. "Our strengths lie in our well-recognized beer and spirits brands."

Bain & Co is continuing to work on existing projects for the company but has not been given any new assignments since Mr Tennant's arrival.

However, he revealed the company was in dispute with Rapid American, whose subsidiary, Schenley Industries, a massive supporter of the Guinness bid for Distillers, had been given an open-ended contract to distribute Dewar's Whisky in the US.

"We are in dispute with Rapid American about the ownership of the Dewar's brand and the distribution contract. There may be litigation. It is our contention that the most recent contract is not valid."

The revised management structure means that two key Guinness directors, Mr Vic Steel and Mr Brian Baldock, will be responsible for the world-wide spirits and brewing divisions respectively.

Guinness is retaining certain non-drinks businesses, such as Champneys health clubs, and Gleneagles hotels.

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Saunders in share sale

Mr Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief-executive of Guinness, has sold about half his shares in the company, raising more than £50,000 before taking any capital gains tax liability into account.

The company was notified on Wednesday of the sale of 17,500 shares by Mr Saunders, who is still a director of the company. He has 16,775 Guinness shares left.

Guinness shares closed 8p higher at 325p yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Stock Exchange has asked at least 50 broking firms for details of their dealings in Guinness and Distillers shares during the takeover bid.

A spokesman for the Exchange said the move was part of an investigation into the conduct of its members by the Exchange.

RHM 'closer' to Avana victory

By Ray Heath

A victory for Ranks Hovis McDougall's bitterly fought bid for Avana was being predicted in the City yesterday following a sharp improvement in its offer terms and heavy buying of shares in the Welsh-based bakers.

While Dr John Randall, Avana chairman, swiftly dismissed the new offer as still too low, and again raised the possibility of a last-minute counter bid, analysts now feel that RHM has done enough to secure victory.

Terms of the new bid are 13 RHM shares — down 7p to 312p — for every five Avana — up 36p to 804p, valuing Avana shares at 811p and the company at £283 million. The previous bid was worth 748p. RHM, having stripped out some operating income from Avana's figures, claimed an exit price earnings ratio of more than 22.

An increase in the cash alternative from 696p to 800p could be crucial in the new bid, according to analysts, following the purchases of 3,222,325 Avana shares by RHM's bankers, Morgan Grenfell, yesterday. With existing acceptances and the 20.7 per cent stake sold by Northern Foods at the beginning of the bid battle, this gives RHM control of 30.47 per cent of Avana.

Although the advantage now seems to lie with RHM, Dr Randall was a long way from accepting defeat. "It is not a fair price. They are coming in to land, just as we are taking off," he said. The true exit p/e at the new offer price was 17.2, he said.

A statement from Avana said a number of options were now being reviewed and raised the possibility of a second bidder emerging. Several interested offerors who had approached the company in the past had now renewed their contacts, it said.

These are believed to include British, American and French interests, with Associated British Foods, the US Nabisco company and the French Bon Grace cheesemaker rumoured to be among the possible rescuers. Dr Randall is believed to be be meeting the French company today.

Dr Randall was adamant yesterday that he saw no long-term future in working with RHM.

John Rogers



Recluse turned extrovert: Oldham Estate's Harry Hyams yesterday

Harry Hyams, man of property

By Cliff Feltham

For a celebrated recluse, Mr Harry Hyams, legendary property developer, was in extrovert mood when he made his annual public appearance at yesterday's meeting of his Oldham Estate company.

Oldham Estate, and its best known monument, Centre Point in London, faces a £530 million takeover bid from the giant MEPC property group.

Mr Hyams, who has not decided whether to accept the terms for his 30 per cent shareholding, revealed that he is thinking of sueing the Co-operative Insurance Society which has cut the ground from under him by selling its all important 68 per cent stake to MEPC.

He says he has a letter from the CIS giving him first refusal on their stake. "The matter is now in the hands of my lawyers and may be the subject of litigation," he said.

Mr Hyams, who said he first knew of the bid when a message reached him as he stepped off the plane for a holiday in Sri Lanka, would not comment on the "morality" of the Co-op's behaviour.

Huge rise in reserves

By Rodney Lord and David Smith

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, acted quickly yesterday to deny that he had set specific targets of DM2.90 and $1.60 for the pound.

His denial, coupled with the biggest increase in Britain's official reserves for nearly ten years, helped the pound. After dropping yesterday morning, it recovered in late trading to close with only a small net loss on the day at $1.5985 and DM2.9133.

Foreign exchange dealers had interpreted Mr Lawson's remarks on Wednesday as setting upper limits for sterling against the mark and dollar.

The Chancellor, briefing journalists before next week's IMF meetings, said that he expected the Paris currency accord to be reaffirmed at the meeting of the Group of Seven due in Washington next week.

Present exchange rates, including the yen against the dollar, were still within the framework agreed in Paris.

Mr Lawson said his view remained that the pound should not diverge substantially from its present levels but he said that comments to the National Economic Development Council meeting on Wednesday, apparently setting specific targets, had been misunderstood.

The Chancellor said he was surprised also at the comment, by the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone, that Y150 represented a floor for the dollar under the Paris accord. This was not his understanding of the agreement.

Britain's official reserves rose by an underlying $1.785 billion (£1.11 billion last month) as the Bank of England intervened to hold down sterling. A strong increase in the official reserves had been expected in the City but the rise was about three times as large as analysts had anticipated.

The reserves showed an underlying rise of $1.785 billion (£1.11 billion) last month. The actual rise, taking into account capital accruals and repayments and the annual revaluation of the reserves, was much larger.

The reserves' total was $27.039 billion (£16.855 billion) at the end of last month, the highest since April 1981, compared with $22.257 billion (£14.392 billion) at the end of February.

In sterling terms, the reserves were at their highest level.



Compromise deal rejected by C&W

From David Watts, Tokyo

Cable and Wireless has rejected a compromise proposal for a second international telecommunications company in Japan but has promised to discuss it with its consortium partners.

The rejection came as Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, confirmed that he had received a letter from President Reagan in support of the consortium that includes C&W.

In a proposal by Mr Fumio Watanabe, the Japanese mediator, C&W would be one of eight core companies in a single competitor to the international telecommunications carrier, Kokusai Denshin Denwa.

It would have a shareholding equal to the other core companies.

The company would immediately start work on a feasibility study of a trans-pacific cable that it would install. The other seven companies in the proposed consortium are Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Sumitomo, Matsushita Electric Industrial, Toyota, C Itoh and Pacific Telesis International.

BAe wins £190m bid for Ordnance

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday confirmed British Aerospace's purchase of Royal Ordnance for £190 million.

The decision was marked by tense last-minute negotiations in which GKN, the rival bidder, improved its offer but narrowly failed to win the battle for the State-owned arms manufacturer.

Mr Younger told the House of Commons that the sale was "very good news" for RO and would mark the end of a period of uncertainty

RO's 16,000 staff will be offered free BAe shares, paid for by the Government, worth a similar amount to the shares they would have received in RO's planned £150 million flotation last summer.

The deal with BAe has effectively raised about £90 million more than the share sale, but this is still less than the company's £245 million asset value.

BAe has said it believes its ability to develop the overseas sales potential of RO's current and future products is "unrivalled" in Britain.

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Trade war threat hits City

Bank fearful of curbs on Japan

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England is privately dismayed at the Government's aggressive attitude towards Japan over trade and financial services and its officials are against the idea of strong sanctions against the Japanese.

It is unhappy with the Government's policy of mixing financial services and wider trade issues in the attempt to loosen Japanese restrictions on foreign competition. It does not believe that the City should be drawn into arguments over Cable and Wireless's place in the Japanese telecommunications industry because it will only jeopardise gains already made with the Japanese.

Bank officials will not be accompanying Mr Michael Howard, the Corporate Affairs Minister, to Japan on Saturday. They feel privately that considerable progress has already been made in securing concessions for British firms in Japanese financial services markets. So far five British firms have been given banking licences in Tokyo and eight have securities trading licences. Barclays is so far the only British bank with a trust banking licence.

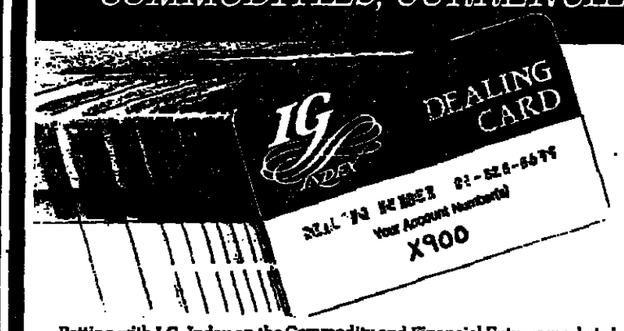
Last year Nomura and Daiwa, the securities houses, were both granted banking licences in London. The licences were delayed while the Bank insisted on the Japanese authorities sorting out the question of supervision for these institutions if they were also to become banks.

However, it was also made clear that Nomura and Daiwa would not be given licences unless a number of British institutions were first given securities licences in Tokyo. Since then, British institutions have found it easier to gain licences in a matter of months.

The most restricted area in Japanese markets remains the Tokyo Stock Exchange, where only one British firm, SG Warburg, has a seat.

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Nomura: too big to push around

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

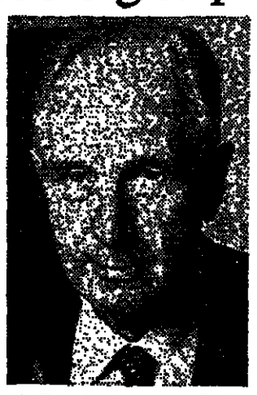
Nomura Securities is the top name on the alleged hit list for Government reprisals against Japan over the Cable and Wireless issue, having a higher profile than any other Japanese financial house in London. But action against it could rebound with a switch by the Euroboond market to Frankfurt.

It is by far Japan's largest securities group, employing some 12,000 people worldwide. On last year's pretax profit of almost 500 billion yen (£2.1 billion), it was also the world's most profitable financial institution.

A ban on Nomura operating in London could therefore have serious implications for London as well as for the Japanese house.

Nomura has been in the City since 1964 and it is the centre of its European operations. Its British subsidiary, Nomura International, is deeply entrenched in London markets.

It employs about 400 people in London, of which 300 are British and a further 100 work for other group companies. As a big player in international securities, Nomura was the first foreign broker to be admitted to the Stock Exchange a year ago. After a long wait, it was also the first Japanese securities house also to receive a banking licence from the Bank of England last September.



Sir Douglas Wass: co-chairs the London operation

Mr Andreas Prindl, the American banker who heads the new Nomura International Finance, is probably the most senior non-Japanese operating executive in London, although Sir Douglas Wass, a former Permanent Secretary at the Treasury is a joint chairman of the London operation.

Nomura is a principal agent for transferring huge Japanese surpluses into Western capital markets. It conducts a large three-way business, selling American securities here and vice versa as well as buying and selling between London and Tokyo.

On one estimate, Nomura has moved up from being number two to first place among Eurobond underwriters in London so far this year.

Mr Hitoshi Tonomura, the group director who runs the London operations, has yet to make contingency plans for the loss of trading licences. It seems possible that Nomura might live with a suspension of its newly-acquired banking licence but a revocation of its securities licence might lead to a rethink.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2318.04 (+1.99)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 22367.72 (+327.54)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2709.41 (+13.50)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 283.1 (+3.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 1696.9 (+5.8)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1844.6 (+12.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 4436.05 (+75.56)
Paris: CAC ..... 452.7 (–1.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 540.90 (+3.70)
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 89.91 (–0.23)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10-9⅞%
3-month eligible bills: $9^{15}/_{32}$–$9^{17}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½-7¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.50-5.49%*
30-year bonds 96-96^{16}*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5985	£: $1.6070*
£: DM2.9141	$: DM1.8183*
£: SwFr2.4297	$: SwFr1.5185*
£: FFr9.6829	$: FFr6.0485*
£: Yen234.66	$: Yen146.65*
£: Index:71.4	$: Index:102.1
ECU £0.713007	SDR £0.79918

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Cookson Group	592p (+19p)
Barkeley Group	355p (+11p)
Bett Brothers	115p (+17p)
Cronite Group	114p (+12p)
Mitchell Somers	242p (+18p)
Crown House	220p (+17p)
Lucas	574p (+11p)
Brit Car Auctions	244p (+10p)
Holmes Protection	182p (+17p)
Central TV	606p (+24p)
WSL Holdings	194p (+16p)
Avana Group	806p (+38p)
Euro Home Prods.	208p (+22p)
Atkins Brothers	268p (+13p)
Thurgar Bardex	105p (+10p)
Glaxo	1439p (+21p)
Helical Bar	865p (+75p)

FALLS:

RHM	312p (–7p)
Ferry Pickering	173p (–10p)
Empire Stores	220p (–6p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $420.25 pm-$418.70
close $420.50-421.00 (£263.75-264.25)
New York:
Comex $420.80-421.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $18.15 bbl($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

BUSINESS SUMMARY

John Laing builds its profits to £38 million

A booming housing market has boosted 1986 profits at John Laing. Housebuilding contributed 59 per cent of trading profits in the year to the end of December 1986 compared to 45 per cent in 1985. Group pretax profits rose from £34.1 million to £38.1 million. A final dividend of 6p was declared making a total of 8.5p for the year. Earnings per share rose 26 per cent to 45p. A one-for-two scrip issue is proposed.

Rising prices and the benefit of prudent land buying in the past were more of a factor than volumes in the housing division although completions rose 23 per cent to 2,760.

Cambridge in demand

The Cambridge Instrument Company's share offer was subscribed 4.7 times, with 87,245 applications for 105.34 million shares. Applications for up to 1,000 shares will be ballotted. Successful applications for 2,000 to 9,000 shares receive 32.5 per cent and for 10,000 upwards, 35 per cent rounded to the nearest 100.

Cundell goes for listing

Cundell Group, the corrugated cardboard manufacturer bought out by the management last year from Mardon Packaging International, is coming to the stock market. The shares, worth £13.4 million, will be placed by Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker. Pretax profits at end-December were £2.045 million.

£14.3m from Coates

The market was pleased yesterday with 1986 results from Coates Brothers, the international printing ink, resins and electrographics business. It reported a 24 per cent increase in pretax profits to £14.3 million. The ordinary shares closed 8p higher at 266p. Turnover rose from £189 million to £194.4 million. A final dividend of 4p was proposed making 5.7p for the year. Earnings advanced from 15.8p to 19.4p.

The synthetic resins and electrographics division led the advance, rising from £3.5 million to £6.7 million. It was helped by lower raw material prices, careful cost control and a better mix of business. Sound progress was also made in the printing ink business. This trend is expected to continue in 1987. Gearing was reduced from 26 per cent to 17 per cent.

£32m US buy for Hawley



The Hawley Group, chaired by Mr Michael Ashcroft (right), is paying £32 million for Crime Control, a US company installing and servicing about 30,000 electronic security systems. The company, which will become part of Hawley's Electro-Protective Corporation, will make it the fourth-largest security business in the US.

Empire climbs 33%

Empire Stores (Bradford), the mail order specialist, squeezed better margins from disappointing sales last year. Ignoring an exceptional credit of £1.137 million, profits advanced by 33 per cent from £5.79 million to £7.72 million. Sales grew at a much slower rate. They were up 12 per cent in the first half and only 8 per cent in the second six months.

The exceptional credit arose from a release of bad debt provisions no longer considered necessary due to an improvement in the group's credit experience. Taking this into account, profits before tax rose 53 per cent to £8.85 million. Earnings per share rose 33 per cent to 14.5p including the exceptional credit. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 3.25p per share making a total for the year of 4.75p against 3.75p.

STOCK MARKET

Midland may write off £90m foreign debts

By Michael Clark

Dealers fear the blood-letting may be continuing at Midland Bank which lost an early lead to close 3p lower at 721p in late trade yesterday.

There is talk that Midland is about to write off most of its South American debts as the latest step in its efforts to wipe the slate clean. Some marketmen claim the write-off could be worth about £90 million. The decision may be forced upon the group by the Brazilian Government's refusal not to pay interest on its large overseas debts.

Any write-off is likely to lead to renewed talk that Midland will also follow up with a huge rights issue.

Last month Midland shocked the City by announcing its decision to pull out of market-making through its Greenwell Montagu subsidiary. There is talk that losses from market-making were running at about £10 million.

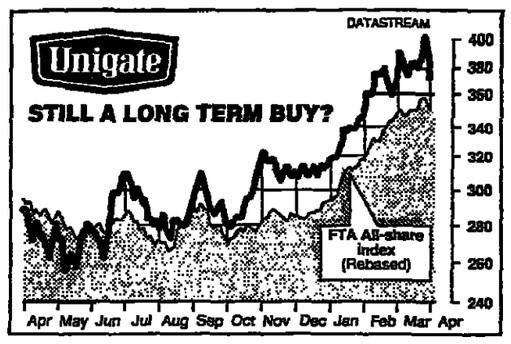
The rest of the equity market was looking a bit more like its old self yesterday. Prices opened cautiously but grew in confidence throughout the day helped by the overnight performance of Wall Street.

The FT 30 share index at 3pm was 10.1 up at 1,568.1, while the broader FT-SE 100 shareindex finished 14.6 higher at 1,987.7.

But government securities were unsettled by the weaker pound which slipped below the $1.60 level after the Chancellor's comments about his chosen target range. Losses at the longer end stretched to 50p.

Harris Queensway, the furniture and carpet retailer headed by Sir Phil Harris, was chased sharply higher in early trade boosted by talk that Great Universal Stores was about to launch a bid. GUS 'A' shares lost an early lead to close 8p lower at £12.10, while the ordinary shares fell 25p to £18.50. GUS was eventually moved to deny the reports. Harris Queensway closed below its best levels 10p higher at 213p.

Unigate, the dairy products group, recovered some of its poise after running into nervous selling earlier this week. First reports from analysts visiting the company's various distribution depots around the country by helicopter yesterday appeared favourable. The group's St Ivel distribution centre was the first port of call and appears to have lived up to expectations.



Many brokers, including Kleinwort Grieveson and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, regard Unigate as a long-term investment. Others such as James Capel claim the shares still look undervalued.

Unigate is now starting to benefit from improved trading conditions and has gone a long way towards trimming its less profitable interests. Analysts are looking for pretax profits for the year which ended earlier this week to rise from £82.8 million to £103 million. Cliffords Dairies slipped 5p to 315p, while the 'A' shares shed 2p to 231p.

Elsewhere in foods, Avana jumped 29p to a new high of 804, after 808p, in response to the increased terms from Ranks Hovis McDougall. Avana has already rejected the new terms which value it at £283 million. RHM was back in the market yesterday picking up another 3.2 million shares lifting its total stake in Avana to 10.6 million shares, or 30.5 per cent.

RHM finished 7p lower at 312p.

Hillsdown Holdings, the fast growing food to furniture conglomerate, has made yet another acquisition. This time it has bought Wyatt & Bruce, a privately owned animal feed manufacturing and agricultural merchant. Hillsdown is issuing 144,004 new shares with the balance satisfied by £245,000 cash. The shares rose 7p to 260p. Rowe & Pitman, the broker, is said to have visited the company recently and come away impressed.

● Telephone Rentals stood out with a jump of 17p to 243p yesterday – just 9p below its high. The shares have been the subject of intense bid speculation in recent months. There is talk that Plessey is about to pounce. Dealers expect a bid of about 275p a share, which values the company at £225 million.

● Queens Moat Houses, the hotel and restaurant chain, was nudging towards its high yesterday with a rise of 4p to 86p. It is said to be looking acquisitively at its rival, Stakis. But some dealers claim QMH is vulnerable to a bid itself. At these levels it is worth £203 million.

British Car Auction advanced 11p to 245p. It looks as though Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group has been topping up its holding in the market and there is talk he may be close to clinching the proposed £183 million acquisition announced on Monday. Hawley, which announced another US acquisition yesterday, firmed 4.5p to 146.5p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices closed an active and nervous session firmer but off the day's highs, with foreigners in particular taking profits toward the end, dealers said. The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares rose 12.6 to 1,844.6.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices closed at a record high on very heavy volume yesterday, with the Nikkei Dow Jones index closing up 327.54 at 22,367.72.

● **HONG KONG:** Most share prices registered minor gains in reduced trading. The Hang Seng index finished up 13.50 at 2,709.41.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,900	English China	466	Rank Org	225
Amstrad	7,800	Fisons	2,800	Rank Hovis	2,700
Argyll	1,100	Gen Accident	205	Redland	1,300
ASDA-MFI	3,800	GEC	7,700	Reckitt Colman	395
Ass Br Foods	139	Glaxo	1,600	Reed Int	1,300
BET	515	Globe IT	1,500	Reuters	1,600
BTR	3,700	Granada	2,300	RMC Group	146
BAT	2,900	Grand Met	1,500	RTZ	1,000
Barclays	577	GUS 'A'	1,600	Rowntree	1,800
Bass	546	GRE	314	Royal B of Scot	787
Beecham	2,800	GKN	3,800	Royal Ins	541
Blue Circle	328	Guinness	7,800	Saatchi	2,100
BOC	491	Hanson	7,300	Sainsbury (J)	283
Boots	4,200	Hawker Siddeley	475	Sears	6,500
BPB Ind	—	Hillsdown	3,400	Sedgwick Gp	645
BPCC	657	Imp Chem Ind	1,500	Shell	4,300
Br Aerospace	3,700	Imp Cont Gas	359	Smith & Nephew	1,000
Br Airways	8,100	Jaguar	1,200	STC	1,100
Brit Comm	2,800	Ladbroke	247	Stan Chart	696
Br Gas	10,000	Land Securities	1,200	Storehouse	2,800
Br Petroleum	4,200	Legal & Gen	1,200	Sun Alliance	2,400
Br Telecom	5,000	Lloyds	987	Tarmac	2,100
Britoil	5,000	Lonhro	723	TSB P/P	5,200
Bunzl	3,000	Marks & Spencer	2,800	Tesco	1,000
Burton	3,600	MEPC	85	Thorn EMI	2,700
Cable & Wireless	5,200	Midland	1,100	Trafalgar House	1,500
Cadbury Schwep	1,300	Nat West	356	Trusthouse Forte	2,800
Costa Viyella	1,300	P & O Dfrd	534	Unigate	2,000
Com Union	2,000	Pearson	561	Unilever	202
Cons Goldfields	825	Pilkington Bros	530	Utd Biscuits	496
Cookson Gp	2,400	Plessey	1,500	Wellcome	803
Courtaulds	751	Prudential	1,000	Whitbread 'A'	663
Dee Corp	537	Racal Elect	3,100	Woolworth	1,300
Dixons Gp	2,200				

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WALL STREET

Dow moves higher in early trading

New York (Reuter) – *Wall Street demonstrated its underlying vigour as it moved higher in active trading early yesterday.*

Traders said investors received a dose of confidence from a strong bond market and from Wednesday's late rally in blue chips.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 11.22 points to 2,327.27 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 4.06 to 929.75 and the utilities avaerage up 1.03 to 211.42.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 0.90 to 166.94 while Standard & Poor's 500 share index rose 1.60 to 293.99.

Advancing shares were leading declining issues by a four-to-one margin when volume totalled 23 million shares. Oil service issues and steel shares, beneficiaries in an environment of higher inflation and import tariffs, moved higher.

● Mellon Bank Corporation said yesterday it expected to report a first-quarter loss of between $55 million (£34.3 million) and $65 million. It also said the directors intended to cut the common stock dividend to 35c from 69c.

	Apr 1	Mar 31		Apr 1	Mar 31		Apr 1	Mar 31
AMR Cp	52¾	52¼	Firestone	35¼	35¼	Pepsico	33⅝	34⅛
ASA	59⅛	59⅛	Fst Chicago	29½	28⅝	Pfizer	72¾	72¾
Aetna Life	61¾	61½	Fst Int Bncp	58⅝	58½	Phelps Dod	31⅛	31⅞
Allied Signal	45⅞	45⅛	Fst Penn C	11	11¼	Philip Mor	84⅝	85⅛
Allis Chalm	2¾	2⅝	FT Wachva	43	44	Philip Pet	16⅜	15⅞
Alcoa	42¾	42⅝	Ford Motor	87	84½	Polaroid	75⅞	73¼
Amax Inc	19	19⅛	GAF Cp	51	49¾	Proct Gble	92⅝	92¼
AMR Hess	32¼	31⅝	GTE Cp	40⅝	41⅝	Pub Svc Eg	39½	39⅝
Am Brands	48⅝	48⅝	Gen Cp	117¼	116⅜	Raytheon	79⅝	78⅝
Am Can	48	48⅜	Gn Dynam	72¾	71¼	Rynlds Met	62⅝	62⅜
Am Cynmd	92	92¼	Gen Elect	104⅝	105¾	Rockwell Int	57⅞	57⅜
Am Elg Pwr	28¼	28⅜	Gen Inst	27	27¼	Royal Dutch	117¼	118
Amex	74⅜	74⅜	Gen Mills	50	51	SPE Sopac	39⅝	40
Am Home	96⅜	96¼	Gen Motors	78⅜	78⅛	Sara Lee	47	47⅜
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	24⅞	25⅜	Schlumb	41¼	40⅝
Am Stand	46½	47⅛	Genesco	5	5⅛	Scott Pap	79⅜	78⅝
Am Telph	23⅞	23⅞	Georgia Pac	48¼	49¼	Seagram	74⅞	74⅝
Amoco Cp	61¼	60	Gillette	58	58⅜	Sears Roeb	52	50⅝
Armco Steel	8⅜	8⅝	Goodrich	54⅝	54½	Shell Trans	79⅝	80⅛
Asarco Inc	22¼	22⅞	Goodyear	54¼	54⅞	Singer	45½	45⅝
Ashland Oil	60	59⅝	Gould Inc	17⅜	18	Smithkln Bk	105	104⅜
Atl Richfld	94½	93⅝	Grace Co	63⅜	63¾	Sony Cp	19⅝	19⅛
Avon Prod	32	31½	Grt Atl Pac	32¼	33	Sth Cal Edi	31½	32¼
Bk Boston	32	32¼	Greyhnd	36⅛	36⅝	SW Bell	116½	117¼
Bank NY	42⅜	43¼	Gruman	30½	27⅞	Std Oil	70⅞	70⅜
Bankamer	11¼	12	Gulf & West	75⅜	74	Stanl Drug	54	54⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	45⅞	45⅜	Heinz	47⅜	47	Stevens JP	43¾	42⅜
Beth Steel	9⅜	9¼	Hercules	56⅛	56⅛	Sun Comp	68½	68⅛
Boeing	52⅝	52⅜	Hewlett Pk	57	57	TRW Inc	101⅝	101⅞
Boise Casc	79⅝	80⅛	Honeywell	70⅜	70⅜	Teledyne	324½	323⅛
Borden	57⅜	57¼	Household	32½	31⅞	Tenneco	48¼	47⅜
Borg Warnr	48¾	49¼	ITT Cp	60¼	60	Texaco	37⅜	37⅞
Brist Myer	100⅜	101⅜	INCO	16⅛	16	Tex Eastn	35⅝	35
BP	58⅜	58¼	Ingersoll	78¾	79½	Tex Inst	190⅛	186
Brunswick	48⅞	49	Inland Steel	24	24⅜	Tex Util	33	33⅜
Burl Ind	46	45⅝	IBM	150¼	150⅛	Textron	68¾	68⅜
Burl Nth	68	67⅜	Int Paper	108⅜	106⅝	Travelers	47	47⅜
CBS	151¼	152¼	Irving Bk	45½	45½	UAL Inc	57⅞	58⅜
CPC Int	50	50⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	89⅜	88⅝	USG	41⅞	41¼
CSX Cp	31⅛	31⅞	K Mart Cp	63⅜	62⅝	USX Cp	27⅞	28¼
Cmpbell Sp	69¼	69	Kaiser Alum	16⅝	16⅝	Unilever NV	283½	285
Can Pacific	18⅝	18⅞	Kerr McGee	35	34⅝	Un Carbide	28	28⅜
Caterpillar	49⅝	48¼	Kimbl Clark	114½	113	Un Pac Cp	75¼	75⅛
Canarl SW	34	34	Kraft	59⅝	59½	Unisys Cp	96⅞	97¼
Champion	40¼	40⅜	Kroger	33¾	34	Utd Brands	46⅝	46⅝
Chase Man	38¼	36⅝	LTV Cp	3⅛	3⅛	Utd Tech	50⅜	50⅞
Chem NY	43⅜	43¾	Litton	85½	82⅝	Unocal	37⅜	37¼
Chevron	57⅞	56⅝	Lockheed	51¼	51⅛	Walter Jim	57⅞	58
Chrysler	56⅝	55⅛	Lucky Str	30⅜	30¾	Warn Lamb	74¼	74¼
Citicorp	50⅝	50⅜	Man H'river	43¾	42⅛	Wells Far	48⅞	47¼
Clark Eq	23⅜	23⅜	Manville	2½	2¾	Westg El	65⅝	65⅛
Coca Cola	45⅛	45⅜	Mapco	64½	65	Weyerhsr	55⅞	56⅛
Colgate	45⅞	46⅝	Marine Mid	46⅝	48⅜	Whirlpool	37⅞	37¾
Columb Gas	48⅝	48⅛	Mt Marrieta	50	49½	Woolworth	50⅜	50⅜
Cmb'n Eng	34½	35	Masco	38½	38⅜	Xerox Cp	76¾	75⅞
Cmwlth Edi	35⅞	36¼	Mcdonalds	78¾	79¼	Zenith	25¾	25⅝
Cons Edis	42⅜	42⅜	McDonnell	78¼	78¾			
Cn Nat Gas	40½	40¾	Mead Cp	69	68⅝			
Cons Pwr	18½	18¾	Merck	156	154⅞			
Cont Data	29⅞	30	Minsta Ming	129¾	129¾			
Corning Gl	62	61⅞	Mobil	48¾	47⅜			
Crane	41¼	40⅜	Monsanto	78½	78½			
Curtiss Wrt	61	61⅜	Morgan Jp	42⅜	43⅜			
Data Genl	31⅞	31½	Motorola	54⅜	53⅜			
Deere Co	27¾	27¾	NCR	65⅝	66⅛			
Delta Air	57	54⅝	NL Indstrs	6⅜	6⅛			
Disrcik Edl	17¾	17¾	Nat Distil	62¼	62¾			
Digital Eq	162¼	162⅞	Nat Md Ent	28⅝	29¼			
Disney	62¼	62⅝	Nat Semi	15¼	15½			
Dow Chem	77⅞	78¼	Norfolk Sth	93⅜	93½			
Dressr Ind	26	26	NW Bancrp	39½	39½			
Dupont	113	112¾	Occid Petl	34¼	33¾			
Duke Pwr	45⅞	45⅛	Ogden Cp	67	67¼			
East Kodak	78⅛	77¾	Olin Cp	48⅝	48⅜			
Eaton Cp	79¼	79⅝	PPG Ind	45¼	44¾			
Emerson El	104¾	104	Pac Gas El	22⅞	24⅜			
Emery Air	13⅜	12⅝	Pan Am	4⅛	4⅛			
Exxon	88⅝	85⅝	Penney JC	97⅝	98¼			
Fed Dpt Sts	98¾	99	Pennzoil	79⅝	79⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	32¾	32¾
Alcan Alum	50¼	49¾
Algoma Stl	15¾	15¾
Can Pacific	24¾	24½
Comarco	17¾	18⅛
Con Bathrst	19¾	19⅜
Hawk S Can	27	26¾
Hud Bay M	28	28¼
Imasco	37½	37½
Imperial Oil	66⅛	66
Int Pipe	47¾	47¾
Royl Trstco	34	34¼
Seagram	98	97¾
Shelto 'A'	23¾	23¾
Thmsn N 'A'	31¼	31¾
Varity Cp	2.85	2.80
WCT	18¼	18¼
Weston	38	38

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DEBENHAMS
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Barratt estate

There's talk among folk in the North Yorkshire moors that Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman of housebuilder Barratt Developments, is planning to retire. The gossip is being fuelled by a planning application he has made to carry out improvements to Mill House, a pretty 250-year-old cottage standing beside the River Dove on the 40,000-acre Farndale Estate which he bought for £1.5 million five years ago. Sir Lawrie, aged 59, and married for the second time in 1984, has been visiting the estate — famed for its magnificant displays of wild daffodils — with increasing regularity in recent months to host shooting parties. Although he presently lives near Barratt's head office in Newcastle, he is known to be extremely fond of the estate which boasts more than 1,000 acres of prime moorland shooting as well as 56 cottages and farms.



"Marvellous — how about a peace mission to Tokyo?"

Open house

Muirfield is the venue for this year's Open Golf Championship, and once again Ben Sayers, which manufactures its golf clubs just a long iron away at North Berwick, will be entertaining its friends on the course. Bill Hughes, chairman of Grampian Holdings, owner of Ben Sayers, recalls an amusing scene the last time the Open was held at Muirfield, seven years ago. Into the hospitality suite breezed a loud American, insisting that he had met "old Ben" in the States, and had been invited by him to drop in on the golf. The gatecrasher was given a chair as it was gently broken to him that "old Ben" had passed away... in 1894. He got the dram he was looking for — "to help him over the shock," says Hughes.

In the saddle

The wheel has turned virtually full circle at bicycle manufacturer Raleigh with Sandy Roberts taking over as managing director of its UK operations, some 20 years after his father, Leslie, held a similar post — as managing director of the entire Raleigh Group. Raleigh's parent company TI recently sold the business to Derby International after three years of continuous losses. The losses have still to be stemmed, but Roberts — who has just returned to the UK after running Raleigh's successful Gazelle subsidiary in cycle-mad Holland — is thought to be the man to help do just that.

● **Letters sent out on the eve of April Fool's Day saying you've lost your job could be interpreted as a bit of a joke. But in the case of AE finance director David Allday and popular PR director Mike Hurn, they were for real. The axeing had been on the cards since the takeover of the engineering group by Turner & Newall in December, but after a combined total of 35 years with the firm it nevertheless came as a shock. Neither man, I'm told, has a job to go to — any offers?**

Railroading

There is a certain irony during an election year in the appointment of 65-year-old Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail, to the chairmanship of the Nationalised Industries' Chairmen's Group — that dwindling band of state corporation chiefs whose main tasks have been to fight for higher salaries and fend off government interference. The Government considers privatization to have been one of its major successes but has set its face against selling off BR on the ground that nobody would want to buy it. The right-wing Adam Smith Institute, among others, wants a British Telecom-style sale of BR to be included in the Tory manifesto. But the highly-respected Sir Robert, a railwayman since 1947, who tries hard to run a commercial operation, will soon reveal that BR's minuscule £1.2 million surplus for 1985-86 has been wiped out this year by redundancy payments. They may be getting there . . . but it is a painfully slow process.

Carol Leonard

Royal Ordnance forms defence grand alliance

The most complex and troublesome of the Government's privatizations was completed yesterday with the announcement that British Aerospace is to buy Royal Ordnance, the State-owned arms manufacturer.

To some it will seem an inglorious end for a company whose history goes back to the Royal Powder Mill at Waltham Abbey in 1560 and whose weapons were used against the Spanish Armada during the Napoleonic Wars and in the Crimean War.

But for the Government the deal represents an expedient way to dispose of RO; the sale has been blighted by delays, wrangles over Ministry of Defence contracts, a cancelled stock market flotation and persistent opposition from the unions and workforce.

In retrospect, the process has been dogged by unavoidable schisms at the MoD, which has had to juggle contradictory roles as owner of the business for sale and its largest customer, accounting until recently for 80 per cent of turnover. One moment concern centred on maximizing the sale price, the next it focused on national security and the reshaping of Britain's defence industry.

Exactly a year ago, Mr Roger Pinnington joined RO as chief executive to spearhead the company into the private sector as a publicly quoted group. Within months, the planned July share sale was stopped, the Leeds Challenger tank factory sold off to Vickers against RO's wishes, and the search began for a private buyer.

Royal Ordnance, even without the Leeds factory, has an unusually wide spread of products, from track vehicles to field guns and mines and small arms ammunition.

Since 1985, when it became a limited company at arms-length from the MoD, it has had to adjust to a declining defence budget, a competitive international arms market, and the loss of its privileged role as a preferred source for the MoD. This has meant a concerted effort in building up exports and a new emphasis on sales and marketing. There have also been rationalizations, including 4,000 job losses.



Two-way deal on expertise: Roger Pinnington of RO

Results have come through quickly. In 1986, RO made pretax profits of £26 million on sales of £460 million, including £83 million in exports. This year profits are likely to rise to about £40 million and exports should double.

BAe will be able to build on this improvement. As the country's leading exporter of defence equipment with a global sales and marketing network, BAe will greatly enhance RO's potential in overseas markets.

It brings in the technology to help RO move into the "smart" end of weaponry and ammunition, including the expertise in the seeker and guidance electronics crucial for modern warheads. This move to high technology products will reduce RO's vulnerability to competition from low-cost Third World manufacturers at the low tech end of the market. If a stock market flotation had gone ahead, RO would have had to buy in such technology through an acquisition.

After the takeover, RO will be able to act as prime contractor on projects to which it is the essential supplier. BAe intends to strengthen RO's position as a contractor by transferring project management expertise to RO.

The takeover brings together two companies already collaborating on a number of products, including the Rapier, Milan, Merlin, Seawolf, Skylark, Skyflash and Alarm guided missile systems for which RO is the sub-contractor for the rocket motors and warheads. BAe will now be able to design, manage and produce whole systems.

There is little overlap between the two companies, despite the vertical integration of both BAe and RO. BAe has always argued that a takeover would not reduce the level of competition in the defence industry and has said that additional investment, as well as rationalization, will be needed to improve efficiency.

"It has bought a business which is fundamentally only able to make money by production, not by closing bits down, for instance, and selling off the land," said Mr Pinnington.

The two companies clearly fit together well. BAe is much larger — with 1986 trading profits of £217 million on sales of more than £3 billion — but most of RO's products will dovetail with activities in RO's guided weapon and electronic systems division, which has trading profits of £140 million on sales of £1 billion.

"There is a lot that can be brought to the table by BAe, but in return RO will achieve a lot," commented Mr Pinnington. RO will give BAe unrivalled expertise in explosives and will bring in new products, including tank guns, field guns and their ammunition.

One of the last sticking points in negotiations was the agreement over maintaining spare capacity in explosives and propellants. BAe intends a £50 million investment and modernization programme in those outdated factories. In return, the MoD has guaranteed the RO factories a high proportion of any orders for five years. Similar protective contracts are already in place for the small arms division.

Nevertheless, there remains a nagging feeling that the Government has taken the easy way out in its determination to sell off RO before the next election. The company looks fit enough to stay independent and the flotation plans could have been resurrected at a later date.

Mr Pinnington, who admitted to a great deal of soul searching before taking on the job originally, says the past year has been the most exciting and interesting of his life. But there are regrets: "We could have floated. The shares would have been bought and I think would probably since have doubled in value."

Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

TEMPUS

Burton Group presents some stylish figures

Presentation is all at Burton Group, not just in the stores but also at results time. When so much effort is devoted to presenting what are very good figures, one dreads to think what sort of performance would be required should the results be poor.

Pretax profit increased by 24 per cent to £92.2 million at the interim stage. Turnover was up 16 per cent to just over £608 million for the six months to February 28. A lower tax charge allowed earnings per share to increase by 27 per cent.

Turnover and trading gains were greater in the core Burton business than in Debenhams. The trading profit in the core business was £59.6 million, up 28.3 per cent, while the trading profit in Debenhams was £41.1 million, up 8.2 per cent.

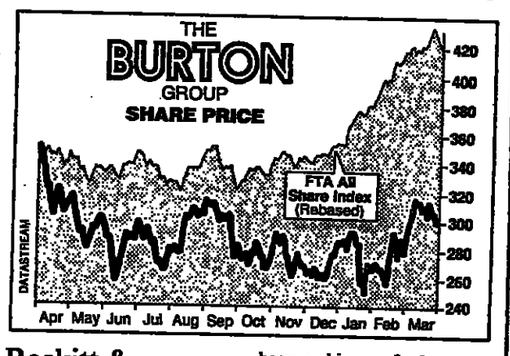
Volume gains in the core business and Debenhams were 8 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. In a weak period for apparel sales, this performance is all the more creditable — the autumn was unseasonally warm while January was too cold and miserable.

A large effort has been devoted to restructuring the balance sheet. Property sale and lease-back agreements had helped to reduce gearing from more than 70 per cent immediately after the Debenhams takeover to around 37 per cent in August 1986. Additional property deals have brought the ratio of net debt to equity down to 30 per cent at the half-year stage.

Gearing will reduce further in 1988-89. This is because conversion of the £110 million of 4½ per cent convertible bonds issued last January is likely to be attractive on a yield basis in about 18 months. Like a conventional rights issue, conversion will simultaneously reduce debt and increase equity.

Restructuring has not been without its costs. Most of the £8 million of interest saved on loans reappears as rent to the tune of £7 million. But the all-important bottom-line benefits by £1 million on the sale and lease-back deals.

For the full year to August 1987, Burton should make £190 million pretax. The prospective multiple of just over 14 is at a discount, not just to the premium stores sector, but to the market. The highly-publicized private life of Sir Ralph Halpern, the chairman, and controversy about the executive share option scheme have not helped. But for a group that is growing faster than the market, the rating looks niggardly.



Reckitt & Colman

Reckitt & Colman is solid, secure and sound enough. But do not expect any particular magic from the share price until the margin improvement, for which the group is fighting so hard, comes through to the profits line or until the next major acquisition.

The mustard to pharmaceuticals group delivered no surprises yesterday with 1986 pretax profits at £145.1 million against £123.4 million. Airwick was yesterday's acquisition story. North America, which in 1984 was in loss, is up and starting to run and accounts for 16 per cent of profits. But what the share price needs is a new whiff of excitement, especially since there is still one problem area. There is to be a £20 million provision, which will only be detailed in the accounts, concerning redundancies or rationalizations to improve the thin returns in the food and wine division.

Reckitt is, however, eyes-down and looking for add-on acquisitions, possibly up to $200 million (£125 million), with the preferred area being Europe and then North America.

The core business of household and toiletry remained a strong cash generator last year and accounts for 52.8 per cent (45.9 per cent) of pretax profits. For the sixth successive year, group earnings a share advanced.

This year Reckitt & Colman should easily strike the £170 million pretax profits mark and analysts have pencilled in profits of more than £190 million for 1988. At yesterday's 977p, up 15p, the price earnings ratios are 14.6 and 12.7, respectively.

Patience may be needed, but hold on all the same.

Marley

Marley may have been slow to discover the delights of making strategic decisions about the shape of its business and acting on them but, in the last 12 months, it has been making up for lost time.

Having made the heart-rending decision last year to sell its home improvement retail chain, Payless DIY, it was then in the financially strong position to make progress on its objective to concentrate on its core building material manufacturing in Britain and the US.

The majority of the peripheral or poor performing activities have been or are being sold or rationalized, several strategic acquisitions have been made and the product range has been increased. Bricks and blocks are now probably as important to Marley as roof tiles.

Marley has lagged behind the competition on capital expenditure for existing operations. About £40 million will be spent this year upgrading plant with half as much again earmarked for 1987.

British demand is very strong and in some market segments, supply is unable to meet demand. This technical hitch is thought to be the most significant threat to the buoyancy of the market as underlying economic indicators point to another good year.

Nevertheless, Marley is keen to stimulate demand. In its roof tile operations, it is traditionally more involved in refurbishment work. However, new acquisitions are causing a swing towards new building work.

Marley is, therefore, setting up a trial operation called Simple Additions aimed indirectly at the general public via the builders' merchant.

Marley's moving target of a 20 per cent pre-interest return on capital should at last be hit this year. On that basis, the company should make at least £50 million. The shares are selling below the market and sector average.

The company still has considerable recovery potential and the rating of the shares has not yet responded.

In the meantime, it is worth bearing in mind that if Marley's rejuvenated management team does not succeed, the company remains attractive to a predator.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Guinness: two legs are better than three

The reshaping of Guinness, foreshadowed here yesterday, underlines two things. First, the new management style under Sir Norman Macfarlane and Anthony Tennant will be as clear and incisive as anything the group has enjoyed in the recent past. The reappraisal of priorities has taken remarkably little time, given the complexities of the rambling federal structure of the old-style Distillers. Second, it confirms that for the foreseeable future the energies and attentions of the top management team will be concentrated solely on the activities of greatest potential: the development of an international drinks marketing group with considerable untapped possibilities.

The decision to shed the newsagents and tobacconists, along with a handful of other peripheral activities, is as logical now as the decision to buy them in the first place. Their function when purchased was to provide a strong cash generative profit centre within a much smaller Guinness to finance badly needed changes. The operations up for sale make trading profits of close on £20 million. At the time they were purchased, Guinness was producing perhaps £70 million. Today, with group profits heading towards £400 million, they have played their part. If sold speedily, they will provide between £200 million and £250 million to cut Guinness's formidable levels of gearing.

The most pressing need today is for the new team to take control of Distillers and restore its flagging fortunes in overseas markets. That will require marketing flair and a more direct hands-on approach. No group with 1,700 distributors around the world can comfortably claim it is in control of the presentation of its products at point of sale. This is a role tailormade for Mr Tennant and Vic Steel, the marketing man who will direct the whisky operations in future. Mr Tennant's forte at IDV was to preside over a steady stream of new products, package and promote them into high margin business. Guinness and Distillers badly need the ability to conjure new lines and the ability to breathe new life into tired brands. If it has anything, Distillers has the product, whisky galore judging from the last balance sheet. What is needed are the means to sell the stuff. Mr Tennant has only to repeat his IDV successes and many of Distillers' difficulties will be on the way to resolution.

In a few weeks, Guinness will produce figures for the 15 months to the end of 1986. The market expects profits on the £350 million to £360 million range, giving earnings per share of about 35p. With Guinness shares standing at 322p last night, the City is not yet giving the new team the benefit of any remaining doubt. The implications of the changes announced yesterday should begin to change that attitude.

Sterling target: as you were

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, may find it instructive that when the markets believed they had been given what they are always calling for — a precise target for the exchange rate — sterling dropped. Following Mr Lawson's denial yesterday afternoon that he had fixed precise exchange rate targets of $1.60 and DM2.90 the pound recovered to close little altered from its close the previous day.

So much for full membership of the European Monetary System! The advantage of an exchange rate system which remains undefined is that markets have no fixed or certain targets to test. Of course there is a disadvantage which is the uncertainty premium payable on interest rates.

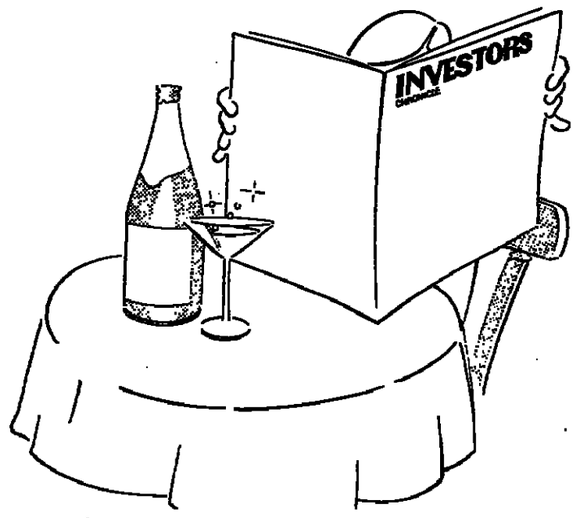
But for the time being an exchange rate policy backed by the studied vagueness of the Paris accord achieves something of the best of both worlds. It reassures markets that monetary policy is something slightly more predictable than the level of Mr Lawson's dyspepsia, while giving the Chancellor some freedom to move the goalposts. Last month's huge increase in Britain's foreign currency reserves shows how determined Mr Lawson is to maintain industry's international competitiveness by keeping the pound broadly where it is.

The rise of $1.7 billion does a good deal more than help to restore coffers depleted in the latter part of last year. It helps sustain the Bank of England's credibility in maintaining stability in the exchange rate.

A bigger question is whether the Paris accord can be sustained in general. The participating governments and central banks show every sign of being determined to do so. Mr Baker's statement earlier this week echoing the Paris commitment and the size of intervention by the Bank of Japan, the Fed and the Bundesbank do not suggest that the major participants are about to give up on it.

The Washington meetings next week, which will be preceded by an informal meeting of the EEC finance ministers this weekend, are evidently seen as an occasion for reviewing the new fixed exchange rate regime rather than considering abandoning the experiment. If further fundamental changes are required to reduce the trade imbalance between the US and Japan and Germany then the economic summit meeting at the beginning of June is a more likely occasion.

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APPOINTMENTS

Chairman named at Heath Fielding

Heath Fielding Insurance Broking: Mr JG Mackenzie Green becomes chairman. Mr RM Harrison and Mr MH Kier are made joint managing directors. Mr AD Brotzel, Mr DA Butler, Mr TC Coster, Mr NE Dexter, Mr RW Fountaine, Mr MN Harvey, Mr FJ Hasler, Mr MS Jones, Mr TP Newbery, Mr BS Palmer, Mr CA Pavely, Mr R Pratt, Mr JP Proctor, Miss MC Ross, Mr BM Routledge, Mr LC Turner and Mr JJ Underwood become directors.

Avis Europe: Mr Bill Dix has been appointed director, group marketing and sales. Mr Geoff Eaton becomes director of sales, Rent A Car, Europe. Mr Gerard Kelly is made director, marketing and sales, Europe. M Jean Staudeau becomes director, leasing development, Avis Europe.

UAPT-Infolink: Mr Ray Hazlehurst becomes chairman and Dr Brian Bailey managing director.

Blue Circle: Mr John Bourdeaux joins the board. Mr James Loudon succeeds Mr Hugh Bull as deputy finance director. Mr Robin Broadley becomes a non-executive director.

Caradon: Mr Dennis Arbon joins the board and becomes deputy chairman of Caradon Mira.

Henderson Administration Group: Mr Iain Clark joins the board.

Crown House Engineering: Mr Ken Escott joins the board.

Peat Marwick McLintock: Mr Colin Barcroft, Mr Colin Graham, Mr David McGarry, Mr Richard Neville, Mr Colin Seccombe, Mr Bob Spedding, Mr Eric Stelfox, Mr Graham Thomas and Mr Richard Wright become partners.

Hill Samuel Investment



Brian Bailey

Management: Mr Philip Beaven, Mr Richard Cawdron and Mr Leonard Johnson have been appointed directors.

Hill Samuel & Co: Mr Paul Aynsley, Mr Sid Campkin, Mr Alan Clark, Mr John Doerr, Mr Adrian Fitzgerald, Mr Jehangir Jawanmardi, Mr Brian McNamara, Mr Richard Parris, Mr Henry Reid, Mr Rob Stansbury and Mr Philip Williams join the board.

The Harris & Dixon Group: Mr Bernard Coe succeeds Mr Michael Pragnell as group chairman.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Guinness turns its back on £7.6bn CTN market

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

There are about 46,000 newsagents in Britain, three-quarters of them independently owned, which until recently formed an unusually stable sector where Guinness had built up the second-largest chain.

The Guinness decision yesterday to sell off its retailing interests to concentrate on its distilling and brewing businesses means it will be giving up a 5.1 per cent stake in the "CTN" market, worth about £7.6 billion a year.

The local newsagent type of outlet is classified as CTN because it typically sells confectionery and tobacco in addition to newspapers and magazines.

The number of CTNs has declined only about 4 per cent in the past 10 years but these outlets, little changed over the years, are facing increasing competition from the newly-emerging convenience stores, which carry a range of goods as well as newspapers and magazines.

Guinness had moved into convenience stores through the 7-11 chain, but this too will be sold.

WH Smith, through its stores and bookstalls, is Britain's biggest newsagent and has the largest share of the CTN market, estimated at 6.7 per cent by Verdict, the retail analyst.*

Guinness built up its 5.1 per cent market share mainly through acquisitions, giving it about 1,100 CTN outlets.

The third-largest chain is operated by Gallaher, part of American Brands and Britain's second-largest tobacco manufacturer. To its Forbuoys operation it has added NSS Newsagents, giving it an estimated 3.6 per cent of the sector.

John Menzies, the second-largest news and magazine wholesaler, holds an estimated 2.4 per cent market share, followed by Finlays with 1.2 per cent. Finlays, which was part of Hanson Trust, has been sold on to Mr Arunbhai Patel, an accountant.

* *Verdict on CTNs*: £325 from Verdict Research, 12 High Holborn, London WC1V 6JS.

Banknotes run lifts Portals

By Michael Tate

Heavy demand for banknotes and other security paper helped Portals beat most forecasts for 1986 with profits of £25.05 million, £22.04 million previously, despite a drop in turnover from £239.9 million to £212.8 million.

But unless the company makes a large acquisition, the outlook is hardly inspiring. Papermaking, which earned £12.5 million against £11.42 million, will not sustain last year's pace in 1987 and water treatment, where profits slipped from £8.5 million to £7.5 million, is only slowly recovering from a dearth of orders.

The real improvements came from property, where the return was lifted from £1.47 million to £2.4 million.

Guinness Peat 24% stake goes abroad

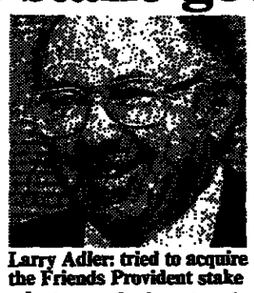
By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Capitalcorp, the Hong Kong subsidiary of a New Zealand investment company, yesterday announced that it had acquired a 24.3 per cent stake in Guinness Peat, the merchant banking group, from Friends Provident.

It is one of the largest single holdings in a British merchant banking group and again raises the issue of large foreign shareholdings in British banks. The move could be eligible for Bank of England action under new powers in the Banking Act, expected to become law later this year.

Equitycorp, the parent company of Capitalcorp, is New Zealand's eighth largest company and has merchant banking interests at home. Its subsidiary paid £79.4 million, or 110p per share. Including its existing holding in Guinness Peat, Capitalcorp now owns 75.6 million shares, or 25.5 per cent, making it by far the largest shareholder.

Guinness Peat was not consulted by either Capitalcorp or Friends Provident before the transaction, although it is believed that the Bank of England was given prior notice by Equitycorp. Mr Alastair Morton, the chairman of Guinness Peat, met Equitycorp officials yesterday



Larry Adler: tried to acquire the Friends Provident stake

Last month he strongly opposed an attempt by Mr Larry Adler, the Australian entrepreneur, to buy the Friends Provident stake.

The purchase immediately raised questions of a takeover and Guinness Peat shares rose 5.5p to 106.5p.

The Bank of England strongly dislikes large shareholdings in banks which are not supported by the bank's management.

At present it cannot prevent the build-up of large stakes. But controversy over foreign shareholdings in banks recently caused important changes to the Banking Bill, now going through the Lords.

It will give the Bank powers to force a sale of shares or to disenfranchise anyone holding 15 per cent or more of a bank whom it does not consider to be "fit and proper."

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	90.60	90.58	90.55	90.56	5111
Sep 87	90.80	90.88	90.80	90.81	530
Dec 87	90.87	90.93	90.86	90.86	69
Mar 88	NT	—	—	90.74	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	90.59	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.32	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.23	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.98	0
Previous day's total open interest 24852					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	93.32	93.35	93.32	93.33	3269
Sep 87	93.29	93.32	93.29	93.30	582
Dec 87	93.23	93.25	93.23	93.23	234
Mar 88	93.10	93.11	93.09	93.10	88
Jun 88	92.89	92.92	92.90	92.90	90
Sep 88	92.71	92.71	92.71	92.70	20
Dec 88	NT	—	—	92.48	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	92.27	0
Previous day's total open interest 25204					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	97-31	98-10	97-30	98-01	4856
Sep 87	NT	—	—	96-31	0
Previous day's total open interest 4523					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	122-14	123-08	122-06	122-19	26530
Sep 87	122-29	122-29	122-29	122-19	1
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-20	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 23101					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	203.50	204.30	202.20	202.75	1085
Sep 87	NT	—	—	207.25	0
Previous day's total open interest 3530					

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelcom Group	350	400	–75
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	29	32	n/c
120	112	Allied Insurance	108	118	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Commercial	58	62	+6
68	24	Corton Beach	55	60	–3
185	121	Edenspring Inv	180	190	+15
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	33	35	n/c
41	8	Do. Warrants	18	20	n/c
29	17	Publishing Holdings	26	28	n/c
55	46	Theme Holdings	52	55	n/c
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 11
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High: 10 Low 10
Week fixed: 9⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 9 11/16 / 2 mnth 9½
3 mnth 9⅝ / 3 mnth 9 15/16
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 15/16–9⅝ / 2 mnth 9 11/16–9⅝
3 mnth 9 15/16–9 13/16 / 6 mnth 9 15/16–9⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 1/16 / 2 mnth 10⅛
3 mnth 10⅛ / 6 mnth 9 15/16
Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9⅝ close 12½
1 week 10 1/16–9 15/16 / 6 mnth 9 13/16–9 13/16
1 mnth 10-9⅞ / 9 mnth 9 13/16–9 11/16
3 mnth 10-9⅞ / 12 mnth 9 13/16–9 11/16
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾ / 7 days 9¾
1 mnth 9¾ / 3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 9½ / 12 mnth 9¾
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10 1/16–9⅞ / 2 mnth 10-9¾
3 mnth 10-9⅞ / 6 mnth 9⅞–9¾
9 mnth 9 13/16–9 1/16 / 12 mnth 9¾–9½
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10 9/16–10 1/16 / 3 mnth 10 13/16–10 11/16
6 mnth 9 13/16–9 11/16 / 12 mnth 9¾–9½
Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6 45-6 40 / 3 mnth 6.50-6.45
6 mnth 6.50-6.45 / 12 mnth 6.65-6.60

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6½–5½	
7 days 6⅛–6 1/16	1 mnth	6 1/16–5 15/16	
3 mnth 6 1/16–6	6 mnth	6⅛–6	
Deutschmark	call	4⅛–3¾	
7 days 3 7/16–3 5/16	1 mnth	3⅝–3⅜	
3 mnth 3 15/16–3 13/16	6 mnth	3 15/16–3 13/16	
French Franc	call	8-7	
7 days 8 1/16–7 15/16	1 mnth	8 1/16-8	
3 mnth 8¼–8 1/16	6 mnth	8-8 1/16	
Swiss Franc	call	1⅝–⅜	
7 days 2-1⅝	1 mnth	3⅛–3¼	
3 mnth 3 1/16–3 1/16	6 mnth	3 1/16–3 1/16	
Yen	call	4⅛–3⅛	
7 days 4-3⅝	1 mnth	4-3⅝	
3 mnth 4-3⅝	6 mnth	4-3⅝	

BULLION

Gold: $420.50-421.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 425.00-428.00 (£266.75-268.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 100.00-101.00 (£62.75-63.50)
Platinum
$ 558.50 (£350.80)
Silver
$ 6.370-6.390 (£3.995-4.015)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 28, 1987 to March 31, 1987 inclusive: 10.053 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	177
Airtours (180p)	196
Barbour Indx (215p)	365 +10
Br Airways (aa)	128 –1
Burford (60p)	165 +12
Capital Radio (105p)	167 +5
Castle Comm (200p)	220 –1
Dale Group (110p)	126
Glentree (16p)	63 +10
Hewetson (70p)	87
Hobson Pub (250p)	370
Hornby (100p)	103
JSB Elec (115p)	130 –1
Lon & Metro (145p)	248 +3
MIL (144p)	197
Mallett (120p)	200 +2
Melville (114p)	126 +1
Misys PLC (95p)	129 –1
Nobo (152p)	176 –2
Perpetual (180p)	195
Plum Hidgs (90p)	166 –2
Prism Leisure (120p)	143
RCO (95p)	100
Regina H Beauty (20p)	39
Reliance Sec	175 –3
Sanders Sydney (100p)	141 –1
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	254 +1
Sinclair G S (90p)	96 –1
Thornton G W (135p)	175 +1
TSB Group (100p)	86
Virgin (140p)	154 +1
Wilson Bowden (130p)	141 –1
Wyevale New (120p)	182 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone F/P	58 +1
City Site Est F/P	£119
DPCE N/P	36
Iceland N/P	39½ –½
Ladbroke N/P	44 –1
Pict Pet F/P	
Widney F/P	44 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 2	Market rates close April 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5900-1.5990	1.5980-1.5990	0.46-0.43prem	1.32-1.27prem
Montreal	2.0797-2.0931	2.0902-2.0931	0.50-0.40prem	1.42-1.29prem
Ams'dam	3.2778-3.2907	3.2863-3.2907	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3¾prem
Brussels	60.12-60.49	60.38-60.49	18-9prem	46-35prem
C'phgen	10.9487-11.0118	10.9889-11.0118	½prem-½dis	⅝-1¼dis
Dublin	1.0889-1.0930	1.0905-1.0915	30-35dis	89-90dis
Frankfurt	2.9033-2.9159	2.9117-2.9159	1¼-1¼prem	4¾-4¼prem
Lisbon	223.96-226.17	225.23-226.17	46-131dis	211-330dis
Madrid	203.69-204.98	204.69-204.98	116-140dis	325-395dis
Milan	2068.59-2078.55	2074.05-2078.55	2-par prem	3prem-1dis
Oslo	10.9090-10.9710	10.9481-10.9710	3¼-4dis	11¾-12¼dis
Paris	9.6582-9.7058	9.6917-9.7058	1⅝-1prem	4½-3¾prem
St'kholm	10.1251-10 1776	10.1563-10.1776	par-⅝dis	1¾-2dis
Tokyo	233.66-234.81	234.42-234.81	1¾-1prem	3¾-3¼prem
Vienna	20.41-20.54	20.51-20.54	10-8¾prem	27¼-25¾prem
Zurich	2.4254-2.4312	2.4273-2.4312	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3½prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.4 (day's range 71.3-71.4).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.3200-2.3306
Australia dollar	2.2590-2.2617
Bahrain dinar	0.5980-0.6020
Brazil cruzado *	33.4950-33.8853
Cyprus pound	0.7600-0.7700
Finland marka	7.1000-7.1400
Greece drachma	212.60-214.60
Hong Kong dollar	12.4123-12.4194
India rupee	20.50-20.70
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4345-0.4385
Malaysia dollar	3.9946-3.9981
Mexico peso	1780.0-1830.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7945-2.8008
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9515-5.9915
Singapore dollar	3.4048-3.4078
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0109-5.0940
S Africa rand (com)	3.2508-3.2625
U A E dirham	5.8280-5.8680
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4590-1.4610
Singapore	2.1393-2.1403
Malaysia	2.5100-2.5110
Australia	0.7037-0.7042
Canada	1.3085-1.3090
Sweden	6.9630-6.9740
Norway	6.8580-6.8630
Denmark	6.8875-6.8925
West Germany	1.8267-1.8274
Switzerland	1.5250-1.5260
Netherlands	2.0815-2.0825
France	6.0730-6.0780
Japan	146.90-147.00
Italy	1301.0-1302.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.81-37.84
Hong Kong	7.8002-7.8007
Portugal	141.20-141.70
Spain	127.70-127.90
Austria	12.79-12.81

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 30	April 11	July 9	July 20

Call options were taken out on: 2/4/87 Samuelson Group, Glentree, Wheway, Polly Peck, Gilbert House Investments, Amstrad, Logica, Riley Leisure, Capital Radio, Abaco, Cater, Parkdale Holdings, Holmes Protection Group, Quest Automation, Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, Property Trust, Mumon Brothers, Stormgard, Stone Intl., Tricentrol, Blacks Leisure, O'Farrell.
Put & Call: Parkdale Holdings.

COMPANY NEWS

● **EBC GROUP:** For the year to December 31, a final dividend of 4.78p will be paid on May 1, making a total of 7p (5.73p). With figures in £000: Turnover was 51,439,(56,173), pretax profit 1,250 (1,124,), tax 423 (401) profit after tax and extraordinary items 969 (723), net interest paid 311 (478). Earnings per shareafter tax 19.8p (15.9p).

● **BTR NYLEX:** The company is to increase its offer for all the issued ordinary stock and 6 per cent participating preference stock units in Borg-Warner (Australia) to $5.00 (£3.125) per stock unit.

● **REED EXECUTIVE HOLDINGS:** The company announced a profit forecast in excess of £6 million for the financial year ended March 28, a substantial increase on previous *City forecasts.*

● **RICHARDSONS, WESTGARTH:** As with the previous year, the company will not be paying a dividend for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover on continuing activities was 10,262 (9,392), on discontinued activities 2,347 (8,188) making a total of 12,609 (17,580), pretax profit was 24 (55 loss). Eps 0.2p (0.5p loss).

● **ESTATES AND GENERAL INVESTMENTS:** A final dividend of 1.825p (1.675p) making 2.725p (2.5p) will be paid for 1986 on May 28. With figures in £000: Turnover was 5,334 (5,719), group profit before interest payable 3,880 (3,717), interest 2,329 (2,317), pretax profit 1,551 (1,400), tax 278 (182). Eps 7.0p (6.6p), nav 155.1p (143.8p). The value of the investment portfolio at the end of the year was £39.9 million, against £34.7million at the end of 1985.

● **ABACO INVESTMENTS:** The company has completed the acquisition of the loss adjusters, Trundle Heap & Baker. The £5.8 million initial payment due on completion, was satisfied by £2.9 million in cash and £2.9 million by the allotment of 4,571,649 new ordinary shares at 63.5p each.

● **BROWN & JACKSON:** The company has conditionally agreed to sell its 50.05 per cent interest in EGH Holdings for an initial £4 million, of which £2.4 million will be paid in cash and £1.6 million via convertible preference shares. A further payment may become payable up to £2.1 million.

● **EMAP:** By 3pm on March 30, the company had received acceptances of Trade Promotion Services shares totalling 3,453,941(59.22 per cent). Of these 3,367,891 have been in respect of the share offer, 84,750 in respect of the cash alternative and 1,300 in repect of the loan note alternative. In addition, EMAP acquired 1,474,200 tps shares (25.3 per cent) from the British Jewellery and Giftware Federation on February 13 and bought in the market a further 225,000 (3.9 per cent) on February 26 and March 3. The combined total is now 5,153,141 (88.36 per cent). The offer will be held open until at least April 13 and will not be declared unconditional before April 6, the start of EMAP's financial year.

● **BIRMID QUALCAST:** The chairman, Mr R Macpherson, said that the a pension fund contributions "holiday" will be possible for the next three years adding £2.4 million to pretax profits this year and savings of about £3 million a year.

● **AARONSON BROS:** Mr R Aaronson, joint chairman, reported a substantial upturn in trading. Turnover so far this year has increased by 20 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*395)	330	68	75	85	1	3	6
	360	40	55	67	2	12	16
	390	14	30	45	10	22	25
British Gas (*91)	80	12	15	21	1	3	4½
	90	4	9	14½	3	6	8½
	100	1	5½	9	9½	11	14
British Airways (*128)	110	19	24	29	1	3	6
	120	10	15	20	1½	6	10
	130	5½	11	16	5	11	15
BP (*915)	850	70	98	117	8	22	35
	900	40	67	95	25	38	53
	950	15	47	70	53	65	77
Cons Gold (*938)	850	97	117	140	7	23	44
	900	62	92	120	17	40	54
	950	35	67	94	40	62	75
Courtaulds (*424)	360	68	78	92	1	7	10
	390	39	54	70	3	14	17
	420	16	36	48	10	23	28
	460	3	17	27	36	44	50
Com Union (*318)	300	24	35	44	3	9	16
	330	8	20	30	17	21	30
	360	3	11	22	44	48	49
Cable & Wire (*375)	325	52	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	30	—	—	4	—	—
	360	—	38	55	—	20	27
	390	7	19	38	19	32	45
GEC (*205)	200	9	20	27	3½	12	15
	220	2	11	17	18	24	28
	240	1	5	11	38	42	46
Grand Met (*466)	420	50	65	80	2½	7	9
	460	20	40	52	11	22	27
	500	2½	23	33	40	45	50
	550	1	8	20	88	92	95
ICI (*1315)	1300	48	100	115	33	56	82
	1350	29	73	90	55	95	105
	1400	9	57	70	100	127	145
	1450	5	37	55	145	158	190
Land Securities (*398)	360	40	50	58	2	8	12
	390	16	29	40	8	17	24
	420	5	15	24	28	36	42
Marks & Spen (*216)	200	21	26	33	2	7	8
	220	6	15	21	13	17	20
	240	1	7	13	26	31	35
Shell Trans (*1231)	1150	93	123	153	5	20	30
	1200	55	92	122	17	35	43
	1250	30	62	93	37	55	65
Trafalgar House (*334)	300	37	47	56	2	8	13
	330	14	25	36	10	18	23
	360	4	12	23	29	38	45
TSB (*88)	70	17	19	21½	1	1	2
	80	7½	11¼	15	1½	4	4½
	90	1½	6	9¾	5	8	8
Woolworth (*789)	750	50	75	90	3	20	33
	800	18	50	65	30	40	65
	850	6	35	45	80	85	90

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Hanson contd	165	11	16½	—	9½	11½	—
	180	5	9½	14	18½	20	21½
Jaguar (*579)	550	58	83	100	20	28	37
	600	30	55	73	25	50	62
	650	13	35	—	75	80	—
Sears (*130)	130	8½	13	16	8½	10½	12
	140	6	9	13	13½	17	19
	160	2½	5½	6½	31½	33	35
Tesco (*464)	420	60	75	—	6	13	—
	460	30	55	67	20	30	35
	500	15	35	50	45	50	53
Thorn EMI (*643)	500	158	165	—	1	2	—
	550	106	117	—	3	9	—
	600	70	78	107	13	20	26
	650	38	52	77	32	40	47
THF (*233)	200	40	47	57	2	5	7
	220	23	34	43	80	12	15
	240	12	22	29	17	20	25

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*527)	600	42	67	80	25	33	38
	650	23	45	55	59	65	69
	700	10	27	36	90	95	100
BAT Inds (*535)	420	117	128	—	1	1½	—
	460	77	93	—	3	6	—
	500	43	63	78	12	22	28
	550	14	35	45	37	42	45
Barclays (*498)	500	22	45	55	22	28	35
	550	6	25	36	55	62	65
	600	3	10	15	102	105	105
Brit Telecom (*250)	220	33	40	47	1	3½	7
	240	19	26	35	5	11	15
	260	7½	17	23	14	22	26
Cadbury Schwpps (*240)	240	14	25	36	11	15	20
	280	7	18	25	24	29	33
	280	3	11	—	41	46	—
Guinness (*324)	300	35	50	57	12	22	27
	330	20	30	43	27	35	37
	360	7	19	—	42	50	—
Ladbroke (*430)	373	60	70	—	1	4	—
	403	40	47	65	8	13	17
	443	13	25	38	32	35	40
LASMO (*254)	220	37	43	50	6	12	16
	240	24	34	42½	13	19	25
	260	15	26	32	26	32	38
Midland Bank (*622)	550	85	100	—	4	10	—
	600	45	63	75	14	23	32
	650	18	35	48	37	50	55
Plessey (*228)	220	21	27	30	6	11	14
	240	9	17	23	16	20	23
	260	4	10	15	33	35	38
P & O (*827)	550	78	86	—	3	12	—
	600	32	57	73	10	23	30
	650	10	30	47	42	55	60
Racal (*228)	220	21	27	38	7	12	14
	240	8	18	24	17	22	25
	260	4	11	18	32	35	40
RTZ (*809)	650	172	180	—	3	6	—
	700	112	135	157	5	17	22
	750	80	105	125	20	30	38
	800	47	77	100	442	54	62
Vaal Reef (*127)	120	14½	18½	22	6	9½	12
	130	9½	14½	17½	10	13	16
	140	6½	10½	12½	16½	18½	20

	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*281)	220	67	71	—	1½	2½	—
	240	47	59	—	2½	5	—
	260	31	37	43	6	11	14
	280	20	27	33	14	20	23
	300	10	17	—	26	30	—

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£108)	104	4	4 1/16	—	1 16	⅜	—
	106	2 1/16	2½	2¾	1 16	⅝	1 1/16
	108	1⅛	1 1/16	1⅝	2 1/16	2 1/16	
	110	½	1 1/16	1	2 1/16	3 1/16	3½
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£121)	114	6 1/16	6½	—	9 16	13 16	—
	116	5 1/16	6 1/16	7	11 16	1⅜	2 1/16
	118	3⅝	5 1/16	5 15/16	1¾	2 1/16	3 1/16
	120	2½	4 1/16	4 13/16	2 1/16	3 5/16	4 1/16
	122	1⅝	3 1/16	3¾	3 1/16	4 5/16	5⅛

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
FT-SE Index (*1988)	1700	310	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1750	280	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1800	212	227	—	—	2	6	—	—
	1850	166	183	—	—	5	12	—	—
	1900	129	153	—	—	12	23	—	—
	1950	90	107	126	150	25	40	50	60
	2000	50	75	100	115	45	60	70	80
	2050	26	50	75	95	75	88	93	105

April 2, 1987. Total contracts 45192. Calls 37137. Puts 8055. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls: 564. Puts: 821

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Results for the year ended 31st December 1986

	1986*	1985
Profit before taxation	£78.8m	£60.3m
Profit after taxation	£50.7m	£40.5m
Extraordinary profit	£43.2m	—
Retained earnings	£80.0m	£29.9m
Earnings per share	53.05p	45.79p
Total dividends per share	14p	12p
Shareholders' funds	£365m	£286m
Capital resources	£626m	£467m
Total assets	£9,632m	£6,388m

*Unaudited

Copies of the Annual Report will be posted to all shareholders on 1st May 1987.
If you would like a copy, please write to The Secretary, 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3P 3DB.

SKF

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Aktiebolaget SKF will be held at SKF Kristinedal, Byfogdegatan 4, Göteborg, Sweden, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 April, 1987.

Agenda
Ordinary general meeting business will be transacted in accordance with Swedish law and the Articles of Association.

Notice of attendance
For the right to participate in the meeting, shareholders must notify the Board, at the Company's address in Göteborg, before noon on Friday 24 April, preferably in writing, of their intention to attend, giving details of name, address, telephone and shareholding. They must also be recorded in the shareholder's register kept by the Securities Register Centre (VPC AB, S-171 18 Solna) by Thursday 16 April.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Carr Boyd	Mining	
2	Rame Ind	Building,Roads	
3	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building, Roads	
4	Ryl Bk Scot (zz)	Banks,Discount	
5	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
6	Wintrust	Banks, Discount	
7	Rowntree Mac (aa)	Foods	
8	Burns-Anderson	Industrials A-D	
9	Mercury Int	Banks, Discount	
10	Nu-Swift Inds	Industrials L-R	
11	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
12	Argyll	Foods	
13	Gleeson (MJ)	Building, Roads	
14	Willis Faber (aa)	Insurance	
15	Com Union (aa)	Insurance	
16	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
17	Black (A & C)	Newspapers,Pub	
18	Exel	Industrials E-K	
19	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
20	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
21	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
23	BPB Ind (aa)	Building, Roads	
24	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
25	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
26	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
27	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
29	TSW	Cinemas,TV	
30	Newarthill	Building,Roads	
31	Chloride	Electricals	
32	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
33	Fosseco-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Atlantic Resources	Oil,Gas	
35	Burgess	Industrials A-D	
36	BICC	Electricals	
37	Dewhurst	Electricals	
38	DPCE	Industrials A-D	
39	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
40	Ward Group	Building,Roads	
41	BSR	Electricals	
42	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
43	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
44	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	

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Weekly Dividend

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 23. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day April 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 22

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BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High	1986 Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int pay yld%	Gross red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¹⁄₂	94¹⁄₂	Fund 6¹⁄₂%	1985-87	99¹⁄₂		6.5
101¹⁄₄	95¹⁄₂	Treas 10¹⁄₂%	1987	100		10.5
99¹⁄₂	93¹⁄₂	Treas 3¹⁄₂%	1987	99¹⁄₂		3.5
104¹⁄₂	94¹⁄₂	Treas 12¹⁄₂%	1987	101¹⁄₂		11.5
99¹⁄₂	93	Treas 7¹⁄₄%	1985-88	98¹⁄₂		7.9
104¹⁄₂	93¹⁄₂	Exch 10¹⁄₄%	1988	101¹⁄₄		10.4
102¹⁄₂	93¹⁄₂	Treas CB¹⁄₄%	1988	100¹⁄₂		9.7
99¹⁄₂	91¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1978-88	99¹⁄₂		9.1
102¹⁄₂	92¹⁄₂	Treas 9¹⁄₄%	1988	100¹⁄₂		9.5
107¹⁄₂	95¹⁄₂	Treas 11¹⁄₂%	1988	105¹⁄₂		11.1
105¹⁄₂	93¹⁄₂	Treas 10¹⁄₂%	1988	103¹⁄₂		10.3
111¹⁄₂	95¹⁄₂	Exch 10¹⁄₄%	1988	104		9.8
103	94¹⁄₂	Treas 9¹⁄₂%	1988	101¹⁄₂		9.3
94¹⁄₂	87¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1988-89	93		9.7
103¹⁄₂	94¹⁄₂	Treas CB¹⁄₄%	1989	100¹⁄₂		9.5
93	85¹⁄₂	Treas 7¹⁄₂%	1989	89¹⁄₂		8.2
114¹⁄₂	97¹⁄₂	Treas 13%	1990	109¹⁄₂		11.9
109¹⁄₂	95	Exch 11¹⁄₂%	1990	104¹⁄₂		10.9
113¹⁄₂	99¹⁄₂	Exch 12¹⁄₂%	1990	108¹⁄₂		11.5
89¹⁄₂	81¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1990	88		9.4
98¹⁄₂	86¹⁄₂	Treas 8¹⁄₂%	1987-90	96¹⁄₂		8.7
108¹⁄₂	94	Treas 10%	1992	102¹⁄₂		9.6
87¹⁄₂	79	Exch 9¹⁄₂%	1992	92¹⁄₂		9.7
109¹⁄₂	95¹⁄₂	Treas CB¹⁄₂%	1991	105¹⁄₂		9.7
112¹⁄₂	95¹⁄₂	Treas 11¹⁄₂%	1991	108		10.5
94¹⁄₂	83	Treas 8¹⁄₄%	1987-91	92		8.9
110¹⁄₂	97¹⁄₂	Exch 11%	1997	109¹⁄₂		10.0
86¹⁄₂	78¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1991	85		9.5

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

118¹⁄₂	89¹⁄₂	Treas 12¹⁄₂%	1992	113¹⁄₂		11.2
107¹⁄₂	82¹⁄₂	Treas 10%	1992	103		9.7
109¹⁄₂	82¹⁄₂	Treas CB¹⁄₂%	1992	105¹⁄₂		10.0
117¹⁄₂	100¹⁄₂	Exch 13¹⁄₂%	1992	113¹⁄₂		11.5
108	82	Treas 10¹⁄₂%	1993	103¹⁄₂		9.7
121¹⁄₂	98¹⁄₂	Treas 12¹⁄₂%	1993	114¹⁄₂		10.5
91¹⁄₂	81¹⁄₂	Fund 9%	1993	91		8.6
128	105¹⁄₂	Treas 13¾%	1994	122¹⁄₂		11.4
133¹⁄₂	104¹⁄₂	Treas 14¹⁄₂%	1994	125¹⁄₂		11.5
122¹⁄₂	103	Exch 12¹⁄₂%	1994	116¹⁄₂		10.8
127¹⁄₂	106¹⁄₂	Exch 13¹⁄₂%	1994	120¹⁄₂		11.2
103¹⁄₂	86¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1994	97		9.3
109	88	Treas 10%	1995	103		10.5
81¹⁄₂	71¹⁄₂	Gas 3%	1990-95	79¹⁄₂		3.8
110¹⁄₂	90¹⁄₂	Exch 10¹⁄₂%	1995	105¹⁄₂		10.0
114	102¹⁄₂	Treas 11¹⁄₂%	1995	107¹⁄₂		10.7
135¹⁄₂	108	Treas 14%	1998	128¹⁄₂		11.1
102¹⁄₂	86¹⁄₂	Treas 9%	1992-96	99¹⁄₂		9.1
142¹⁄₂	114	Treas 15¹⁄₂%	1998	134¹⁄₂		11.5
138¹⁄₂	109¹⁄₂	Exch 13¹⁄₂%	1998	130¹⁄₂		10.3
88	76¹⁄₂	Rdmpt 3%	1986-96	86¹⁄₂		3.5
102	88¹⁄₂	Conv 10%	1996	100¹⁄₂		9.9
131	106¹⁄₂	Treas 13¹⁄₂%	1997	127		10.6
113¹⁄₂	88	Exch 10¹⁄₂%	1997	107¹⁄₂		9.8
101¹⁄₂	83¹⁄₂	Treas 9¼%	1997	96¹⁄₂		9.1
142¹⁄₂	116¹⁄₂	Exch 15%	1997	135¹⁄₂		11.1
88¹⁄₂	71	Treas 8¼%	1996-98	85¹⁄₂		9.6
167¹⁄₂	137¹⁄₂	Exch 9¼%	1998	159¹⁄₂		11.6
149¹⁄₂	122¹⁄₂	Treas 15¹⁄₂%	1998	142¹⁄₂		11.0
124¹⁄₂	101¹⁄₂	Exch 12%	1998	117¹⁄₂		10.2
167¹⁄₂	136¹⁄₂	Treas 9¼%	1999	159¹⁄₂		11.6
126¹⁄₂	104	Exch 12¼%	1999	119¹⁄₂		10.3
114	93¼	Treas 10¾%	1999	109¼		9.8
110¼	91	Conv 10½%	1999	104¼		9.8
135¼	106¼	Treas 13%	2000	128¼		10.1
102¼	84¼	Conv 9%	2000	96¼		9.3
119¼	96¼	Treas 11¾%	2003	113¼		10.3
107¼	88	Conv 9¼%	2001	101¼		9.1
137½	110¼	Treas 14%	1998-01	129¼		10.8

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111¾	90¼	Conv 10%	2002	105¼		9.4
124¾	99¼	Treas 12%	2002-06	117¾		10.2
109¾	88¼	Treas 9¾%	2002	104		9.4
112¾	91¼	Treas 10%	2003	106¼		9.4
139¼	110¼	Treas 13¾%	2000-03	134		10.2
123¾	100¼	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	116¾		10.1
112¾	91¼	Treas 10%	2004	106¼		9.4
89¾	74¼	Rdmpt 3½%	1986-04	87¼		4.0
109¾	87¼	Conv 9¼%	2004	103¼		8.9
109¾	87¼	Conv 9¼%	2004	103¼		8.9
117¾	93¼	Conv 10½%	2005	111¾		9.4
134¾	106¼	Treas 12¾%	2005-08	126¾		10.1
99¾	78¼	Treas 8%	2002-06	94¼		8.5
109¾	86¼	Conv 9¾%	2006	104¾		9.4
127¾	101¼	Treas 12%	2003-07	120¾		9.9
99¾	79¼	Treas 8¾%	2007	94¾		9.3
145¾	114¾	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	137¾		9.9
93¾	76	Treas 8%	2009	88¾		9.0
97¾	77¼	Treas 8½%	2008-12	92¾		9.2
94¼	83¼	Treas 9%	2008	89¼		9.1
135	108¼	Exch 12%	2013-17	128¾		9.3

UNDATED

45	32¼	Consols 4%		43¾		9.2
42	32¼	War Ln 3½%		39¾		9.1
51¾	44¼	Conv 3½%		48¾		7.1
34¾	28¼	Treas 2½%		32¾		8.2
29¾	23¼	Consols 2½%		27¾		9.2
39¾	33¼	Treas 3%		37¾		8.1

INDEX-LINKED

129½	103¾	Treas IL 2%	1988	128¾		2.0
114½	102	Treas IL 2%	1990	114		2.2
135½	111½	Treas IL 2½%	1986	134½		2.2
131½	97¾	Treas IL 2½%	2001	116½		2.2
132½	98	Treas IL 2½%	2003	116½		2.2
127½	104½	Treas IL 2½%	2001	119½		2.2
113½	89¾	Treas IL 2½%	2011	111¾		2.2
95¾	76¼	Treas IL 2½%	2015	93¾		2.2
109½	86¾	Treas IL 2½%	2016	101½		2.2
104	83¼	Treas IL 2½%	2020	98¼		2.2
99¼	80¼	Treas IL 2½%	2024	94¼		2.2

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

ELECTRICALS

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holkeshurst Rd, Bournemouth BH6 8AL
0345 717373 (Lisdims)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Fixed	112.1	118.6e		+0.4
High Inc Equity	117.4	124.8e		-0.8
Worldwide Bond	196.5	209.0		-1.4
American Growth	170.1	181.3		+1.7
Asian Pacific	86.8	71.9		-0.4
Assets & Earns	139.7	148.6		-0.5
Capital Reserve	70.9	71.3e		+0.1
Comm & Energy	141.5	150.5e		+0.1
European Capital	95.1	101.1e		-1.1
General	150.3	170.5		-1.0
Japan	84.0	85.3		+1.9
Ust Growth Inc	140.8	149.7e		-1.0
Do Accum	204.4	217.4e		-1.4
US Emerging Co's	90.2	94.0		+1.0
Equities Progress	258.3	274.7		-2.4
MastertstAcc	77.2	82.1		+0.2
American Inc	52.6	55.9		+0.1

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC3V 4QE
01-837 6464

Australian	79.2	84.7	-0.1	
Europa Growth Acc	118.5	126.3e	-1.5	1.22
Essence	369.9	391.4e	-2.3	4.27
Far Eastern	212.9	227.7e	+1.5	0.10
Fin & Prop	76.8	81.1e	+0.4	2.15
High Yield	71.4	75.6e	-0.6	4.57
Income & Gth	333.0	353.1e	-0.9	3.91
Intl Earnings	192.7	204.1e	-1.6	2.27
Intl Growth Inc	96.8	103.1e	-0.1	0.58
Japan Growth Acc	988.1	1029.3e	-2.9	3.81
Nat Resources Inc	261.9	278.9e	+2.4	
Nth Amer Gth Inc	128.5	137.5	+0.6	0.63
Preference Inc	118.5	125.6c	+0.8	10.27
Small Co's Div Inc	91.0	95.6	-0.1	4.08
Small Co's Gth	270.7	295.2e	-2.1	1.38
Special Sits Inc	153.3	162.4		1.38
UK Growth	350.7	413.9e	-3.6	2.55

ALLIED DUNBAR Unit TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 616366 & 0793 28291

UK Special Sits	275.1	291.6e	-1.7	2.74
Growth & Income	159.8	165.2e	-0.9	3.11
Capital Trust	263.0	278.8e	-1.7	2.66
Balanced	439.9	466.8	-2.5	2.91
Accum Trust	649.1	688.0	-2.3	2.84
American Income	32.4	34.5		4.32
High Income Tst	298.8	316.7e	-1.6	4.10
Equity Income	170.8	181.1	-0.7	4.13
High Yield	172.5	184.8	-1.0	4.71
Govt Secs Trust	30.1	31.3c	+0.1	7.89
International	161.9	168.5	+0.7	0.97
Japan Fund	132.9	141.5	+2.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	212.6	225.4	+2.2	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	70.3	74.9e	+0.6	1.27
Secs Of Amer Tst	224.3	238.9	+2.6	0.48
Ald Assset Value	283.2	300.2	-0.9	2.89
Conv & Gilt Trust	40.5	42.9e	+0.1	5.50
Smaller Co's	172.2	182.5	-1.1	2.36
2nd Smaller Co's	216.2	229.2e	-0.3	1.75
Recovery Trust	102.8	109.0c	-0.5	2.36

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd
BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)

Intl Ex (22)	473.9	494.7	+2.8	0.66
Japan Ex (43)	442.0	461.1		0.10
UK Ex (31)	311.9	331.8		1.10
P'sal Pens Intl	570.8	600.6		
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9		
BG America	176.3	187.8	+1.5	0.66
BG Energy	189.9	200.5	-2.4	1.82
BG Income Growth	252.4	268.6e	-0.2	4.26
BG Japan	204.0	217.1	+2.2	0.00
BG Technology	189.3	201.4	-0.4	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6807

American	52.0	55.4	+0.7	1.83
Australian	36.4	38.7	+0.2	1.41
Japan & General	132.8	141.3	+0.6	0.04
High Income	53.1	56.5e	-0.6	5.34
International Trust	94.0	100.1	+1.0	0.89
Income Gth Tst	60.6	64.5	-1.2	3.12
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.5	22.9e	-0.1	9.60
Global Markets	39.6	41.5	+0.2	4.36
Special Situations	58.5	63.4	-0.2	1.61

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	93.6	99.2	+0.7	0.90
Aust Accum	238.8	252.6	+0.6	0.33
Do Income	166.4	176.2	+0.6	0.33
Capital	83.1	87.9e	-0.7	2.96
Exempt Trust	526.6	557.4	-4.2	0.00
Extra Income	93.3	98.7c	-0.4	4.52
Financial	266.9	284.5	-0.7	2.72
500	332.8	352.1e	-1.5	2.50
General	169.9	179.7e	-0.7	2.73
Gilt & Fixed Inc	94.9	99.7e	+0.3	9.48
Japan & Gen Inc	196.4	208.2e	--	0.00
Do Acc	199.1	210.6e	--	0.00
Growth Accum	209.2	221.3e	-0.9	2.14
Income Trust	411.5	435.4	-1.9	3.36

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 3002

Australia	95.8	102.2	+2.1	0.30
Eastern	80.3	85.8e	-0.2	0.00
Equity Income	68.5	72.8	-0.4	4.50
Europe	139.2	148.0	-0.3	1.00
Exempt Trust	23.1	24.6e	-0.4	
Growth & Inc	73.5	78.1e	-0.5	2.50
Global Gth	67.3	71.5		2.20
Japan Special	112.2	120.0	+2.3	0.10
Japan Sunrise	94.4	100.9e		0.00
Pacific Trust	116.8	127.2	-0.2	0.07
First Japan	90.0	96.2	+0.5	0.60
First N Amer	51.0	54.2	+0.8	1.10
First Smaller Co's	89.9	95.6	-0.4	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St. London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	65.3	68.8	+0.7	0.00
Do Accum	67.1	70.8	+0.7	0.00
European Inc	102.2	107.6	--	2.03
Do Accum	126.1	133.0	--	2.03
General Inc	201.7	212.8	-2.1	1.69
Do Accum	276.8	294.1	-2.8	1.69
Gilt Yield Inc	119.6	123.2	+0.7	9.54
Do Accum	197.3	203.3	+1.4	9.54
High Yield Inc	110.9	117.0e	-1.1	4.36
Do Accum	227.3	239.8	-2.2	4.36
Int Rec Inc	123.1	129.9	-0.9	1.91
Do Accum	130.0	137.2	-1.0	1.91
Japan Inc	238.4	251.5	+1.7	0.25
Do Accum	240.1	253.5	+1.6	0.25
Japanese Spec Inc	109.2	115.2e	+0.9	0.33
Do Accum	109.8	115.8e	+0.8	0.33
N American Inc	36.8	38.9	+0.1	0.65
Do Accum	65.9	69.5	+0.7	0.62
Pacific Inc	148.5	157.1e	+0.5	0.55
Do Accum	167.9	177.1	+0.6	0.55
Planned Investment	157.8	166.9		0.56
Smaller Co's Inc	111.9	118.1	-1.8	0.79
Do Accum	133.4	140.7	-2.2	0.79
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	34.4	36.3e	-0.5	0.47
Do Accum	57.1	60.2e	-0.8	0.47
Worldwide Tech Inc	46.7	51.4e	-0.7	0.27
Do Accum	49.2	51.9	-0.7	0.27
KB High Yield Inc	157.5	166.2		0.00
Do Accum	269.8	284.6	-0.1	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	182.4	172.8e	-2.1	2.15
Smaller Co's Acc	313.0	331.2e	-4.8	--
Do Income	199.0	212.6e	-2.0	0.60
High Income	85.3	89.2e	-1.1	4.02
Income	95.9	102.0e	-1.7	4.07
Man Portfolio Inc	85.8	91.3	-1.4	2.27
Do Acc	145.0	154.3	-2.4	--

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North American	61.9	66.9	-0.7	1.30
Orient	90.2	96.0		0.30
Exempt	283.0	301.2	-5.3	2.10
Recovery	65.3	69.5	-1.4	1.59
German	90.8	96.9	-0.5	0.49
Technology	134.8	143.4	-1.3	0.30
Europe	93.0	94.7e	-0.4	0.76

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	83.5	87.7e	..	2.15
General Inc (4)	296.7	312.5	..	1.76
Do Accum (4)	481.1	503.3	..	1.76
Income Fund (3)	127.7	133.5	-0.5	4.06
Do Accum (3)	228.1	238.1	-0.9	4.06
Int Inc (2)	149.8	156.3e	..	1.36
Do Accum (2)	199.9	208.4e	..	1.36
Smaller Inc (5)	95.3	99.5s	..	1.06
Do Accum	91.7	97.6s	..	1.06

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1146

CS Japan Fund	97.0	103.2	..	0.48

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	346.7	368.9	-3.9	2.60
Income	407.7	431.4	-4.5	3.93
Far East	246.8	267.2e	+3.6	0.24
North American	166.2	175.9e		0.51
Global	92.0	97.1e	-0.9	0.60
European	56.1	59.4	-0.2	0.90
Japan	59.2	62.6	+0.6	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 561 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	425.8	453.0e	-0.7	1.54
Income	344.4	366.1e	-1.4	4.53
North American	318.0	338.3e	-1.0	0.74

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	484.3	e	+5.6	3.90
Fixed Int	147.75		+4.40	9.68
Deposit	100.0		..	10.55

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6822

S & C Special Sits	67.5	71.5		0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	443.46			4.40
Accum	£13,243.37			
Deposit	100.0			10.00

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	26.8	28.4e	+0.3	1.90
Dragon Growth	24.0	25.4	-0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	55.5	58.9e	-0.2	3.50
European Growth	31.0	32.9	-0.4	2.00
General Equity	50.3	53.3	-0.3	2.00
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.4	33.1	+0.1	9.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.9	26.4e	+0.1	9.50
Int Inc Tst	35.7	37.2e	+0.2	5.00
Japan Growth	39.7	41.0	+0.4	0.50
Pacigree Gth	30.6	32.6	-0.1	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DO
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	55.1	58.6	-1.7	2.83
Do Accum	55.1	58.6	-1.7	2.83
Income Inc	56.5	60.1	-0.6	4.02
Do Accum	56.5	60.1	-0.6	4.02
Worldwide Inc	52.4	55.7	-1.2	1.68
Do Accum	52.4	55.7	-1.2	1.68

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1000

E uro G rth St rat	75.2	79.6	-0.9	0.67
Extra Income	212.7	225.1c	-5.8	3.91
Financial	210.1	222.4	-5.6	2.16
Sth East Asia Gth	77.4	82.0e	-3.6	1.55
Growth Investment	348.3	368.7	-10.1	2.07
Income & Growth	50.6	58.7e	+1.3	3.68
Japanese Growth	232.4	246.0	+0.6	0.50
Nth Amer Growth	115.2	121.9	-1.3	0.69
Intl Recovery	139.7	147.8	-4.4	1.41
Smaller Co's	287.5	304.3e	-4.8	1.22
Global Inc Tst	84.9	68.7e	-0.9	6.37
Special Sits Acc	357.9	378.8	-8.9	1.29

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

American Trust	142.8	151.9	-1.4	0.66
European Trust	125.4	133.4e	+1.1	--
Growth Trust	273.3	290.7e	-5.5	2.48
High Income Trust	302.3	321.6e	-5.8	4.63
Intl Tech Trust	127.2	135.6	-1.9	--
Japanese Trust	175.3	186.5e	+2.7	--

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

UK Income	57.3	61.0e	-0.2	4.72
UK Growth Accum	66.1	70.4e	-0.2	2.41
Do Dist	65.1	69.3e	-0.2	2.41
European Growth	63.5	67.6	-1.0	1.86
Pacific Growth	63.1	69.3	+1.4	0.61

DFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-225 3492

American Fund	73.7	78.5	-1.9	1.27
Capital Fund	136.1	144.9	-2.9	1.17
Eurofund	27.7	29.5	..	1.69
Growth & Inc Fund	166.5	177.4	-3.3	3.23
High Dist Fund	147.5	156.9	-2.4	4.30
International Fund	236.5	245.4	-3.1	0.52
Pacific Fund	23.7	25.2	+0.1	0.98
Resources Fund	31.9	33.9e	-0.1	0.29
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.6	33.6	-0.1	--
Tokyo Fund	196.5	211.4	-0.9	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	153.1	157.3e	..	1.91
(Ex) Japan (3)	113.1	116.2	..	0.17
(Ex) Pacific (4)	335.9	345.1e	..	0.27
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	182.3	187.3	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	87.3	92.6	-0.4	2.56
Do Accum	89.4	94.9	-0.5	2.56
UK Growth Accum	117.4	124.8	-0.8	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	90.6	96.1	-0.6	3.63
N American Accum	75.4	80.4	+0.6	0.66
Far Eastern Accum	121.4	129.5	+0.7	0.78
European Accum	89.6	95.8	-1.2	1.20
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	56.9	60.4	+0.4	8.11
Do Accum	60.5	64.2	+0.3	7.63

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-68965

Endurance	128.5	136.6	-2.2	1.00

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5865

Equitable Pelican	93.5	99.5c	-0.5	2.74
High Income Trust	92.0	97.9	-0.4	4.52
Gilt & Fixed Inv	53.8	57.3	+0.1	7.55
Tyr Gt Inv Trust	84.5	89.9e	-0.6	1.72
Special Sits Trust	99.9	106.1	-0.8	2.15
Nth Amer Trust	65.2	69.4	+0.5	1.53
Far Eastern Trust	109.2	116.2	+2.6	0.98
Intl Growth	58.8	62.6e	+0.1	0.98

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1BD				
0203 553031				
UK Growth Accum	170.3	180.7e	-4.9	2.77
Do Income	163.6	169.4e	-4.2	2.77
Higher Inc Accum	311.3	351.1c	-7.9	3.77
Do Income	246.0	261.9c	-6.2	3.77
Gilts/Fixed Accum	105.2	111.7e	+0.5	8.15
Do Income	95.5	99.9e	+0.4	8.15
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.0	160.6c	-2.3	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	180.2	191.7c	+1.5	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	166.3	176.9	-2.6	0.66
General Trust	276.9	298.9e	-7.4	2.04
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	75.1	79.9	-1.7	0.18
Capital Fund	121.3	128.1e	-2.5	0.16
UK Income Fund	88.8	92.3e	-3.2	4.29
Far Eastern Fund	77.8	82.8	-0.4	0.00
Overseas Income	76.2	80.1	+0.2	3.53
Fixed Interest	61.2	65.1	-3.7	9.84
Natural Res Fund	69.7	72.6	-0.1	2.39
European Income	63.7	69.0e	-1.4	2.61
Financials Fund	53.5	56.9	-1.7	2.64
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	51.5	55.4e	-0.2	1.40
Do Accum	52.9	56.9e	-0.3	--
Income Gth Inc	52.1	55.4	-0.3	5.30
Do Accum	55.8	59.4	-0.3	--
Service Co's Inc	69.3	73.7	--	1.00
Do Accum	70.4	74.9	--	--
Higher Inc	28.7	30.5	-0.1	7.00
Do acc	29.0	30.8	-0.1	--
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	118.0	125.6	+1.0	0.60
Amer Equity Income	34.8	37.1	+0.3	3.78
Amer Special Sits	86.3	92.0	+0.6	0.01
Australia	41.6	44.1	+0.1	1.98
European	60.8	53.9	-0.2	3.77
European Inc	23.8	25.3	-0.1	3.95
Discal Conv	24.9	26.4	+0.3	5.00
Far East Inc	39.0	41.3	+0.1	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.9	e	-0.1	9.37
Growth & Income	118.8	126.4	-1.5	3.69
Japan Special Sits	52.5	53.9e	+0.1	--
Japan	151.6	161.6	+0.4	--
Managed Int	133.6	183.5e	+0.4	0.11
Mid Europe Agency	105.5	112.3e	-1.7	3.98
Professional Gth	41.2	44.1	-0.4	1.85
South East Asia	48.1	51.2	-0.1	0.14
Special Sits	228.8	243.5	-3.4	0.36
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 8181				
Amer & Gen Inc	225.5	238.6	+2.3	--
Do Accum	230.3	243.7	+2.3	--
Amer Turnarnd Inc	223.7	236.7	+1.6	1.15
Do Accum	232.0	245.5	+1.7	1.15
Commercial Inc	269.0	285.4e	+2.6	1.75
Do Accum	329.9	349.0e	+3.2	1.75
Conv & Gilt Inc	183.5	189.6	-0.1	4.63
Do Accum	140.9	145.1	-0.1	0.62
Eurogrowth Inc	68.8	72.5	-0.1	0.62
Do Accum	68.5	72.5	-0.1	0.62
Extra Inc Tst Inc	214.0	226.4	-0.6	3.62
Do Accum	225.3	248.6	-0.7	3.62
Financial Accum	54.3	57.4	..	1.01
Do Inc	54.3	57.4	..	1.01
Income Trust	154.6	163.5	-0.9	3.51
Do Accum	165.4	175.0	-0.9	3.51
Int Growth Fd Inc	175.5	185.7	+1.2	--
Do Accum	184.9	206.2	+1.3	--
Japan & Gen Inc	105.9	111.1e	+2.2	--
Do Accum	105.1	112.2e	+2.3	--
Managed Income Fd	112.1	118.6e	-0.5	3.62
PEP 87	53.5	56.7	-0.5	--
Recovery	186.0	196.8	-0.3	0.99
Do Accum	202.9	214.7	-0.3	0.99
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	239.8	253.5	..	2.31
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Do Accum	228.4	240.3	..	1.36
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Income Fund	97.0	103.2e	-0.1	5.80
Pension Exempt	223.0	232.3e	-0.8	1.40
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US & General	52.3	62.0	+0.6	0.78
Japan & General	272.8	290.3e	+0.5	0.10
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Do Dist	67.9	72.3e	..	1.82
Commodity Share	91.7	97.6	-0.5	1.29
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Income Fund	97.1	103.4e	..	2.93
Japan Trust	142.0	151.0	+1.3	0.00
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European Growth	232.9	249.0	-2.7	0.23
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Do Accum	79.6	84.4e	-1.2	1.49
European	274.5	292.1e	-4.5	0.78
Euro Inc Tst	48.7	51.8	-0.5	4.40
Euro Smaller Co's	112.5	119.7	+1.5	0.55
Extra Income	217.9	231.8e	-4.2	2.67
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Fixed Interest Tst	54.5	57.9e	-0.2	9.53
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THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Patricia Tisdall

Millionaires join the queue

Money is flowing into the islands, there are plenty of jobs and the population is growing. Why, then, is success such a problem?

Full employment and a queue of companies seeking to bring in riches may sound like a dream to the economic advisers of most European governments. Those in the Channel Islands, however, are now finding as King Midas did, that affluence can bring problems.

Despite rigorous immigration controls, the authorities have been dismayed by the results of the 1986 census which shows that populations have hit a ceiling not expected to be reached until the mid-1990s.

Moreover, the chief reason for this has been the extra management and professional skills brought in by the lucrative financial sector whose development is regarded as the best bet for the area's prosperity.

The census findings were initially greeted by shrill cries from some Jersey politicians for a freeze on tourism and on all non-finance related expansion so as to nurture the islands' recently won position as Europe's leading offshore financial centre. More moderate views seeking to promote a balance of economic activity have since prevailed.

Having suffered from volatile markets in the past, notably in

Entry controls on businesses

horticulture, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey (which also includes the smaller islands of Alderney, Sark, Herm Jethou, Brechou and Lihou) are keen to preserve their future options with a diversified economic base.

By applying selective controls to limit the entry of all new business and monitoring the labour demands of existing firms, the authorities are seeking an all-round reduction to allow the recent rapid growth in the finance sector to be assimilated.

The islanders run their own affairs (though belonging to the Crown they are independent from Westminster) and have a long track record for agile and successful economic management.

A benign fiscal climate, political stability and a low crime rate have attracted tourists as well as wealthy tax exiles since before the Second World War. Long before that, the islands had established a reputation not only for their rich dairy products, early new potatoes, hot-house grapes and fresh green vegetables, but marketing them in the UK.

Even so, nobody there pretends that balancing priorities between the traditional interests of horticulturalists, the growth of mass-market tourism and the mercurial increase in the demands of the financial institutions will be easy.

However, some new thinking is starting to emerge as a result of an integrated examination of the total infrastructure, contained in a new plan drawn up by Jersey's Island Development Committee, which is being debated by the States (parliament).

Analysis in terms of contribution to total income indicates that the banks and other financial institutions now dominate the economies of both Jersey (36 per cent) and Guernsey (nearly 40 per cent). The venue figures suggest that finance and tourism are far more important than horticulture or industry.

Analysis by land use, however, reveals that more than 58 per cent of the island is devoted to agriculture. The proportion is probably higher in Guernsey and the other islands.

The new structure plan and its integrated analysis is helping politicians in Jersey to give a new priority to farmers in planning consents on the grounds that they contribute to a landscape which everyone else enjoys.

In Guernsey, where until a decade ago tomato growing represented 75 per cent of earnings and has since slumped to less than 10 per cent, the Government is helping the horticultural industry undergo a comprehensive restructuring and research process.

The plan is also producing some different answers to the contentious question of tourism. Having attracted tourists in increasing numbers since the early 19th century, Jersey put a block on expansion in 1979. Since then, largely due to market forces, the industry has had to struggle to resist decline.

Now pressures and controversies are building up over the price and availability of office property.

"Every encouragement will be given to owners and developers who are willing to convert old buildings rather than construct new ones," the plan states.

This type of selective encouragement is very different from the embargo attitudes in the 1970s.

The solution to the boom in tourism was to import thousands of waiters, chambermaids and other workers from Portugal, or more recently from Scotland, on a seasonal basis. Financial institutions, however, require different skills and need them all year round.

There are also widespread complaints about "poaching" of staff. Public sector officials complain that their deputies and clerical staff are being lured by the clearing banks; clearing banks complain about personnel being stolen by merchant banks; everyone is worried about the effect on future skill resources by children being guaranteed jobs even before they sit their exams.

The authorities' dilemma is how to help businesses satisfy their requirements for staff but without increasing the resident population.

With admirable fairness, the screws have also been tightened on the selection of wealthy immigrants, called "K" class in the Jersey housing regulations, which limits the number of new arrivals who meet certain financial and other criteria to 15 a year. Having decided

New limit on the wealthy

in the light of the census results to consider "exceptionally attractive applications", only eight out of a queue of millionaires were allowed in in 1986.

Visitors are welcome at all times. But anyone thinking of moving to the islands permanently needs to take a hard look at the contribution they can make other than revenue.

The authorities are well aware that they need to restrict population growth. But they also hope to encourage new businesses.

"There is no ready answer," says Colin Powell, the Jersey States economic adviser, in his pre-budget report. "Limiting the island's attractions to business without removing the main elements of that attraction — political and fiscal stability, low rates of taxation — is as difficult as trying to encourage business into an area which is essentially unattractive to business."

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Flower power: picking freesias in Guernsey, which produces eight out of 10 bunches sold in the UK. Above, Colin Powell, the Jersey States economic adviser, faces the problems of success

ISLANDS FACTS

Location: off the north-west coast of France at distances varying between 10 miles and 30 miles.

The islands: they belong to the Crown and comprise Jersey (28,717 acres), Guernsey (15,654 acres) and the dependencies of Guernsey — Alderney (1,962 acres), Brechou (74 acres), Great Sark (1,035 acres), Little Sark (239 ares), Herm (320 acres), Jethou (44 acres) and Lihou (38 acres), a total of 75 square miles.

Administration: self-governing; the islanders are British but not citizens of the United Kingdom.

Chief towns: St Helier on the south coast of Jersey, St Peter Port on the east coast of Guernsey and St Anne's on Alderney.

Currency: French and British, though Jersey and Guernsey each issue their own coins and notes of the same value as those of the UK. They also issue their own postage stamps.

Globe-trotters take to the air

The inhabitants of any small island are very aware of their dependence on ferry services. Meeting the requirements for wealthy tax exiles to globe-trot between the bright lights of London and Paris brought an early realization of the advantages of air transport to the Channel Islands.

But until recently, the tourist economy as well as freight movement depended on an effective shipping service.

This was vividly illustrated last autumn by the furore caused by the 18-day blockade of the roll-on, roll-off ramp at Guernsey harbour and other industrial action which followed Sealink's abrupt announcement of a reduction in services.

The authorities still feel let down that having won back tour operators' confidence after privatization, Sealink should, as one individual expressed it, "suddenly pull the rug out from under us".

They are now giving full backing to British Channel Island Ferries, a new company which is partly owned by the Jersey-based Huelin group, and drawing up contingency plans to run their own shipping company, with government backing if necessary, should all else fail.

Both Jersey (at St Helier) and Guernsey (at St Peter Port) are developing their harbours by adding further roll-on, roll-off berths and ramps to take larger ships.

Some islanders questions whether these will prove to be white elephants. Given the growth of hire-car fleets in both islands and rates which are said to be the cheapest in Europe, increasing numbers of holidaymakers are leaving their cars at home and travelling by air.

In fact, the Channel Islands are well served by a variety of ferry companies (some say too many for economic survival). The main ports of departure on the English mainland are Portsmouth and Weymouth, while a less frequent service operates from Torquay.

From the French mainland there are frequent daily services from St Malo, and Sealink offers a twice-weekly service between Cherbourg and Guernsey.

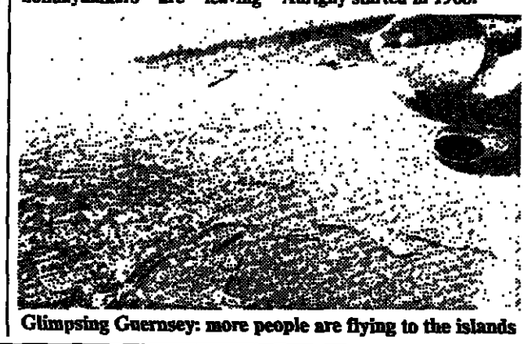
However, most passengers these days travel by air to the Channel Islands, a trend which has been accelerated by the introduction of big off-season discounts, following the de-regulation of domestic air fares.

There are departures to the Channel Islands from 25 airports in the UK, but most scheduled service travellers arrive from either Heathrow (British Airways operates four flights a day, plus British Caledonian), Gatwick or Southampton (Air UK).

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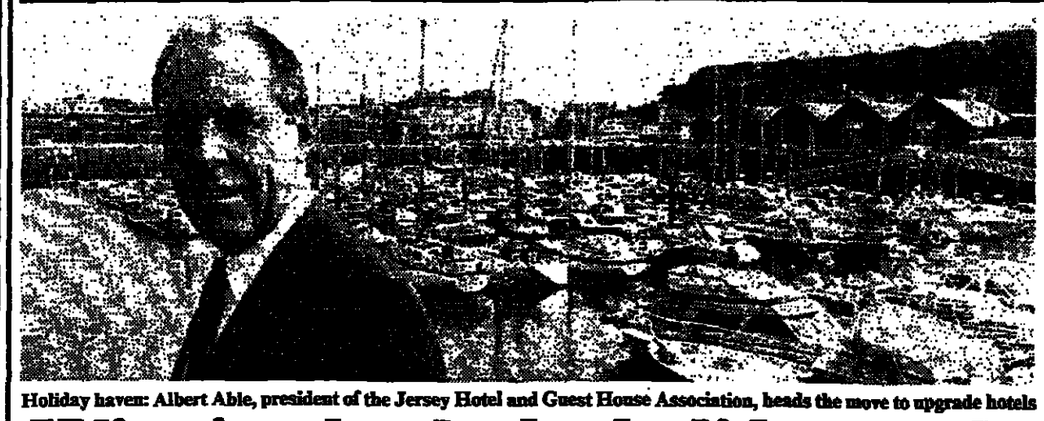
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Holiday haven: Albert Able, president of the Jersey Hotel and Guest House Association, heads the move to upgrade hotels

Winning back the holiday trade

The last 15 years have seen a dramatic change in Channel Islands' tourism. The traditional family visitor who spent two weeks in a guest house in the summer is giving way to other types of holiday-maker, predominantly the middle-aged couple, interested in good hotels, restaurants and museums more than sunshine, the beach or cheap liquor and tobacco.

In 1981 the islands experienced a dramatic 15 per cent fall in the number of visitors. A slow recovery was adversely affected both by poor weather and uncertainties associated with the UK sea links to the islands. The effect has been to make the tourist industry take a look at what it is doing and where it should be going.

The outcome has been a series of new ventures. Emphasis has been given to upgrading holiday accommodation. In Jersey, for instance, 70 per cent of hotel bedrooms now have en-suite bathrooms, and this is expected to rise to more than 90 per cent by 1990.

Since 1970, Guernsey has more than doubled its top-range hotels, while the number of guest houses has dropped to a third. Self-catering establishments have nearly doubled during the same period.

There are "watch-us-at-work" attractions where a wide range of cottage industries can be studied – from wine to butterflies via herbs and horses.

The conference business has been developed and last year about 22,000 delegates came to Jersey, around 7,000 more than 1985.

As well as public venues like St James Concert, which is said to have unusually good accoustics, and the spectacular Castle Cornet at the entrance to St Peter Port, Guernsey has a number of top grade hotels with conference facilities.

Special events are beginning to play an increasing part of the islands' tourist offerings. Both Jersey and Guernsey stage traditional flower festivals in August.

A comparatively new area, where Guernsey is starting to score over its larger neighbour, is the Guernsey International Powerboat Week. And this year there are plans to run an arts festival from September 6 to 20.

Another growth area lies in visiting yachts. Guernsey and Alderney continue to be the main yachting centres. Braye Harbour is the main centre for yachts in Alderney, with shelter provided by a huge breakwater begun in 1847 as part of a fortification programme and originally nearly a mile long.

Guernsey, which which has enjoyed a steady 7 per cent increase in yachting traffic, is building a £16 million marina at St Peter Port which is expected to be open in May.

One of the attractions of the Channel Islands is the differences in character as well as scenery between each of the islands. Jersey has the reputation for being brash and, arguably, a little blowsy, while Guernsey is said to be quiet and restrained.

Despite its mass of Second World War fortifications and Victorian variety, Alderney is a supremely peaceful place in which to enjoy some gentle conversation and get away from tension.

The 18th-century Seigneurie of Sark is unpolluted by cars or motorcycles; visitors have a choice of touring the island by hired bicycle, horse-drawn carriage or on foot.

Herm, the smallest of the islands open to the public, is said to be the best place to get a sun tan and is only a 20-minute boat journey from Guernsey.

Tourism is an important sector of each island's economy and it is recognized that both change and investment is necessary if it is to be maintained against increasing competition from cheap air travel and Mediterranean resorts.

Meanwhile, the private sector is making progress in helping its own fortunes. Albert Able, the newly elected president of the influential Jersey Hotel and Guest House Association, has great confidence in the future.

"Most of the hotels have now upgraded their facilities to offer a quality product," he says. "People will continue to come to the Channel Islands because of their uniqueness; their blend of England and France and the friendliness one meets."

STATUS

British, yet French

Sometimes described as offshore city states, the political status of the Channel Islands is unusual. They are neither part of the United Kindom, nor sovereign states nor colonies. They pass their own laws and are self-governing.

While English is now the common language and sterling can be used as well as their own various currencies, they retain carefully cultivated links with Normandy, as can be seen and heard in the use of French in the streets. At the same time, they have been part of Her Majesty's possessions since the 13th century when King John lost the rest of Normandy to the French. When asked whether they wanted to owe allegiance to the French or the English, the islanders opted for the King of England, mainly because he was further away and less likely to interfere.

In terms of nationality, the islanders are British, but not citizens of the UK.

Although the parliaments of Jersey and Guernsey have both agreed that they have a moral obligation to help towards the cost of defence, the UK government is responsible for defending the islands. Westminster is also responsible for the islands' international relations and was able to negotiate a compromise, associate membership status, on entry to the EEC.

While they are subject to the EEC's common external tariff on industrial goods and to certain parts of the Common Agricultural Policy, they do not have to conform with the rules governing the free movement of people or capital or, equally important, with tax harmonization.

The EEC agreement has made a significant contribution to their recent prosperity in that they have not had to introduce VAT, can offer favourable tax rates and can regulate immigration.

GOVERNMENT

No party politics

The islands have an unusual system of government in that, although there are elections, there are no party politics. Members serve as individuals and operate through a series of committees which are equivalent to mainland ministries headed by presidents.

These committees deal with various areas of policy – finance and economics, planning, public health – and they make recommendations to the States, as the parliaments are known.

The presiding officers of the States are the Bailiffs, appointed by the Queen. The Channel Islands has two Bailiwicks, one dealing with Jersey, the other with Guernsey and the smaller inhabited islands of Alderney, Sark, Herm, Jethou, Brechou and Lihou.

The States of Jersey Assembly consists of 12 senators, elected for six years; 12 constables, elected for three years; and 29 deputies, elected for three years.

Guernsey's States of Deliberation comprises 33 people's deputies, 12 senior members, known as conseillers, and a representative of each of the island's 10 parishes.

There are strong regional differences not only between the two Bailiwicks but between the different islands. These were aggravated in the 17th century when Jersey and Guernsey took different sides during the English Civil War.

The islands took different sides

Guernsey joined the Parliamentary forces against the King but Jersey remained fanatically loyal and gave refuge to the Prince of Wales, later Charles II.

Today, however, where matters of common interest such as public utilities are concerned, the individual components work together to form a cohesive unit.

INDEPENDENCE

Stable life

Although it is archaic in structure and looks bureaucratic to outsiders, the system of government has served the Channel Islands well.

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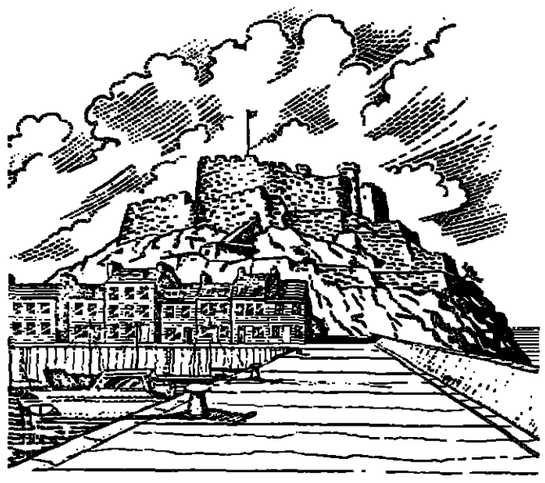
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Cashing in on paradise

Among others, Jersey is home to nine butchers, seven bakers and 69 accountants. Guernsey is hoping to increase its tally of 30-plus banks

The Chancellor's Budget announcement scrapping the Exchange Control Act was good news for the Channel Islands' booming financial community. Although the controls had been suspended since 1979, their existence meant that restrictions on foreign investments could have been reimposed at any time.

The repeal removed considerable underlying uncertainty among non-residents looking to the Channel Islands as a base from which to trade on the world money markets.

The growth of the Channel Islands to become Europe's leading offshore financial centre stems from a combination of low tax rates, fiscal independence, a stable political climate and a geographical location midway between France and England, giving easy access to the Continent.

Having started by offering facilities to Britons working abroad, the Jersey banks expanded their services in the early 1960s after old usury laws which limited the permitted rate of interest to 5 per cent were abolished.

This led to an influx of new banks and further growth after Britain's entry to the EEC. Financial activity increased further with the suspension of UK exchange control in 1979.

Bad news for the Channel Islands finance community, however, has been the involvement of a Jersey-based company, Marketing and Acquisition Consultants and its owner, Michael Dee, in the Guinness takeover scandal. While conceding that they offer tax savings, the Channel Islands' authorities hate its description as an "offshore tax haven" and maintain they do their utmost to screen out disreputable operators.

The authorities co-operated with a House of Commons Select Committee a year or so ago which was seeking information on whether the islands might be used for the "laundering" of drug money. The committee subsequently said it was satisfied by the actions taken to prevent misuse of the financial system.

The rapid growth in financial activities in Jersey over the last few years has, however, caused mounting concern about the pressure on labour and other resources.

Expansion has not just been in banks, although at the last count there were 58 registered banks – including the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Banque Nationale de Paris as well as the big four British clearing banks – but also in associated services.

Growth limit on prestigeous firms

The Jersey phone directory, for example, lists 69 accountants, including such giants as Coopers & Lybrand, Deloitte Haskins Sells and Ernst & Whinney, as well as investment consultants, company formation and management advisers, company secretaries and other entries not normally found in a smallish community of just over 80,000 residents, which boasts only nine butchers and seven bakers.

Offices of most of the big firms are genuine trading units, not just brass-plaque registrations. Several, including Charterhouse which came to Jersey in 1976, show all the signs of permanence. An even older resident is Hill Samuel which arrived in December 1961. The biggest, in terms of employees, is said to be Barclays.

Pressures of expansion are so great that the authorities in Jersey introduced new controls on existing businesses as well as signalling greater selectivity in allowing new applicants in. The result will be that no matter how prestigeous, companies will not be able to increase the number of people it employs without first getting a licence from the Finance and Economic Committee.

Resident finance houses appear phlegmatic about the tightening of the labour controls. They see it as an encouragement to improve productivity by making the best possible use of staff.

The situation is different in Guernsey, a newer finance centre which is more receptive to new arrivals.

The financial centre in Guernsey's St Peter Port is substantial and has expanded rapidly. Although it already includes more than 30 different European as well as UK banking groups, the authorities would probably welcome wider international representation in this sector in the interests of spreading risk.

However, an even keener interest is expressed in encouraging the development of newer, less labour intensive, but high added value financial services such as mutual funds.

Once it has decided on a direction, Guernsey's style is for speedy and wholehearted implementation. John Roper, a former Bank of England official who became commercial relations adviser to the Guernsey government last year, has already had talks with the Department of Trade and Industry hoping to obtain recognition under the new Financial Services Act that Guernsey offers investors equivalent protection.

A new law will soon be enacted to give appropriate statutory effect as soon as the requirements have been established and authorization obtained to enable Guernsey-based mutual funds to continue to be marketed in and through the UK.

In order to cultivate a bigger share of the growing insurance market, Guernsey has already enacted a new law and recruited Stephen Butterworth, a supervisor from the Cayman Islands, to police it.

The main provision of the new Insurance Business (Guernsey) Law, requires all types of insurers – domestic, captive and managers – to apply for authorization and prove that they are both financially solvent and that their operations are ethically run to continue in business.

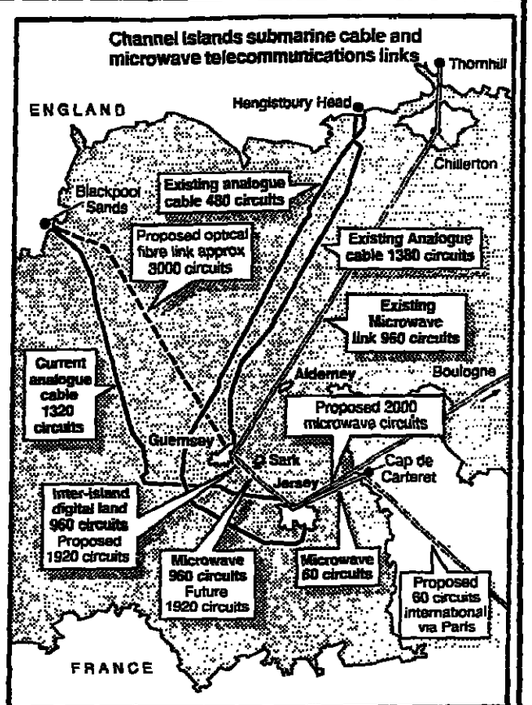
Having run his slide rule over 100 or so applicants since taking up his post at the end of September, Mr Butterworth admits to being impressed with ethical standards and management experience.

Meanwhile, as commercial relations adviser, Mr Roper takes overall responsibility for maintaining standards across the whole Guernsey financial community. He vigorously refutes accusations made by Labour politicians from time to time that nominee shareholdings offer a cover up for fraud or that any criminal activity on the mainland of Britain has been concealed through the islands.





Two-pronged attack: John Roper, left, Guernsey's commercial adviser, is seeking recognition under the new Financial Services Act. John Langlois, right, president of the Guernsey horticultural committee, says growing is the blood of many people



Explosive growth in the international finance sector has brought an increase in demand for sophisticated electronic communications. Investment fund managers, banks, insurance companies and stockbrokers have come to expect rapid and effective telephone, telex, facsimile and Prestel equipment and specialist on-line, real-time links with world money markets.

The bulk of the islands' telecommunications is carried to the UK on three 3,220-circuit submarine cables. To provide more reliable facilities the islands' telecommunication authorities plan improvements in cable and microwave connections which will provide 3,000 digital circuits.

Also scheduled for the end of 1988 is a 140 megabit microwave link, negotiated by islands' authorities with British Telecom and the French telecommunication authorities.

A sweet-scented switch from tomatoes

Many people still associate new potatoes, cream, fresh flowers and tomatoes with Jersey and Guernsey. Agriculture remains a vital ingredient in Channel Islands culture although it may have sunk to below 10 per cent in the economic league tables.

Visually, the landscape is dominated by cultivated acres and glassouses. Socially, many islanders have deep traditional links with the cultivation and marketing of perishable produce.

The islands' growers have adapted to many market changes over the years. Early potatoes and winter cauliflowers are still the main crop exported from Jersey's south-facing slopes. But in Guernsey, the last eight years have seen a remarkably effective switch from tomatoes, which until the mid-1970s were its principal export, to flowers.

Guernsey's north-facing aspect and clear air give it an exceptional quality of light which has been recognized for centuries as favouring plant growth. The first glasshouses, known locally as vineries, were built in 1792 and used for growing dessert grapes, and by 1915 2,542 tons of grapes were exported to the mainland.

Tomatoes were introduced in 1865 and gradually took over from grapes to reach a peak in the late 1950s when tomato growing represented 75 per cent of the island's income and employment.

During the next decade, Guernsey growers became famous for their distribution and marketing methods as well as for cultivation. But other producers, particularly those in the Netherlands, were steadily catching up.

By 1979, the Guernsey growers were unable to weather a second sudden jump in oil prices, which increased glasshouse heating costs, sufficiently to combat aggressive competition in their traditional UK markets.

Apart from the Dutch, there has been more competition following the entry of Spain and Portugal into the EEC. As a result, being unable to compete in price, tomato production in Guernsey dropped sharply from about 800 acres to about 100 acres.

Some growers turned their energies to the island's fast expanding tourist and finance businesses, but as John Langlois, president of the States' horticulture committee, explains: "Horticulture is in the blood of many Guernsey people".

Freesias are the big success story

Flowers are another traditional Guersey export – Mr Langlois remembers earning his first wages as a child when he picked primroses which were shipped to London.

The Guernsey growers have concentrated on three main products – freesias, carnations and roses. Freesias have been particularly successful – Guernsey now produces at least eight out of every 10 bunches sold in the UK – but roses and carnations have also done well.

Big changes have also been made in marketing by developing new outlets and in moving closer to the consumer. An example is the entrepreneurial initiative shown by growers like Tony Brock who in 1980, on his return to his native Guernsey after service in the Royal Marines, formed Sovereign Flying Florist, a mail order business based on flowers.

His company has grown to the extent where it despatches more than a million blooms a year, and contributes to a thriving new "flower postal box" sector which contributed nearly £2.5 million to Guernsey's horticultural exports last year.

While freesias are the big success story – at £7.5 million they have overtaken tomatoes in terms of export earnings – the Guernsey horticultural industry has no intention of ever again becoming dependent on a single product.

As part of a drive to encourage diversification, the state-sponsored Guernsey Tomato Marketing Board was replaced last year with a voluntary, more flexible Guernsey Growers Co-operative.

While this is intended to handle a variety of edible products, expertise in tomato growing has not been forgotten, and it is hoped that the "Guernsey Tom" will have a new renaissance.

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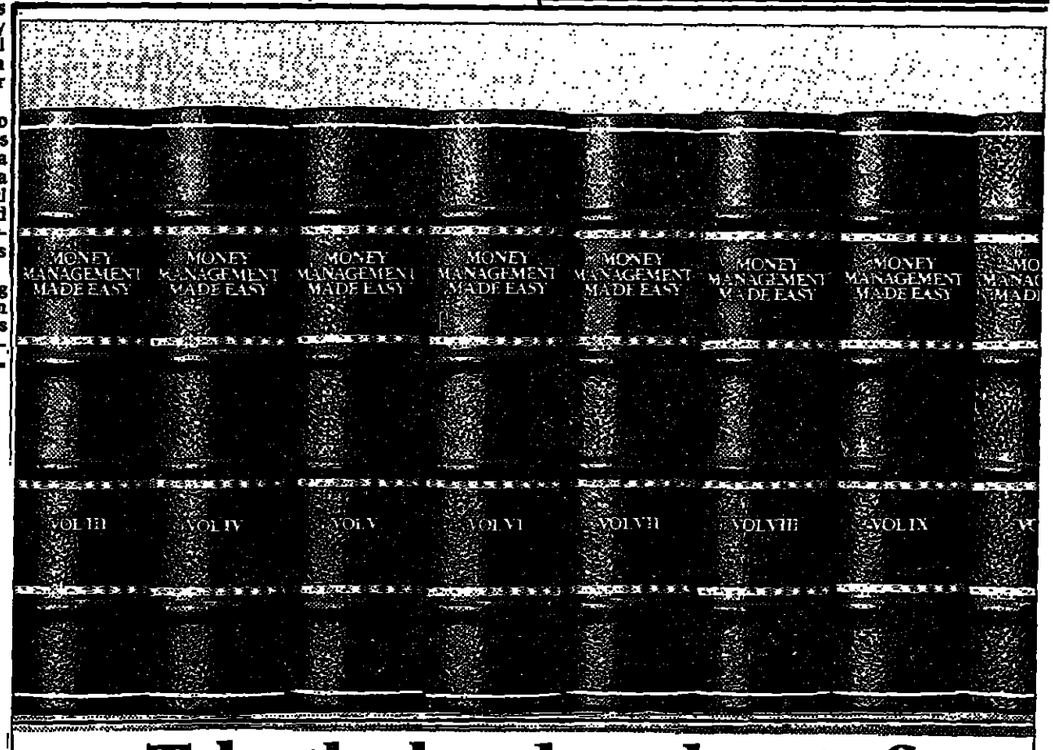
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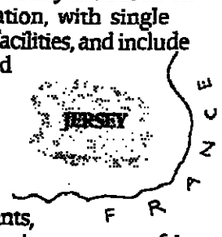
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Spring collections are unveiled

Motor manufacturers are greeting the spring buying season with a plethora of gaily painted specials to catch the eye of the younger showroom visitor. No one is making a bigger effort than Vauxhall. Nova, Astra, Belmont and Cavalier models are just appearing finished in all-white with side stripes and carrying the name "Club" in decals on the front doors and rear ends.

Buyers will also receive a Club tie, lady's scarf and key ring. All models have tinted windows and larger than standard tyres. In addition the Nova 1.2 three-door hatchback has a centre console and push-button radio; the Astra 1.3 five-door hatchback has a height adjustable driver's seat, rear spoiler, cigar lighter and quartz clock; the Belmont 1.3 four-door saloon has the same minus the spoiler while the Cavalier 1.6 saloon and hatchback have rear spoilers. The hatchback also has a rear wash/wipe.

All cost less than the equivalent L versions. The Nova Club sells for £5,630, the Astra Club for £6,426, the Belmont Club for £6,426, the Cavalier Club for £7,489 (saloon) and £7,711 (hatchback).

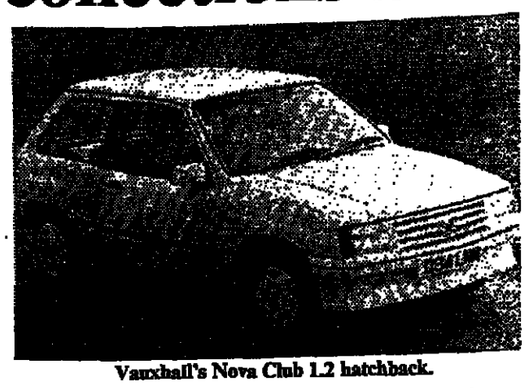
Ford has come with its first ever special edition of the Orion, called the Biscayne, and painted in light blue metallic. Other features include protective side mouldings, red bumper and body moulding inserts and white wheel covers. Equipment includes five-speed gearbox, tinted glass, sunroof, centre console, extra soundproofing and modifications to the 60-40 split rear seat to enable it to be folded forward to increase boot space. At £7,399 for the 1.4 and £7,606 for the 1.6, the Biscaynes are priced between the existing L and GL models.

A much rejuvenated Renault is jumping on the bandwagon with four special editions of the Renault 9 and 11. Called "Boston", they come with a choice of 1.4 or 1.7 engines in white non-metallic or silver grey metallic. Prices range from £6,670 to £7,250.

Volvo has a special edition of the popular 340 GLE 1.7 but insists that this is to celebrate Volvo Car's 60th anniversary.

The lavish equipment includes leather upholstery, tinted glass, coachlines, electrically heated front seats, central locking and electric front windows. The hatchback costs £8,485 and the saloon £8,810.

Fiat is launching the all-white Bianca series of specials based on its Panda, Uno, Strada and Regata range. All have tinted glass. Panda also gets a fabric sunroof while Strada and Regata have more expensive steel sliding versions. Prices range from £4,194 for the Panda Bianca 1000 CL, to £7,765 for the Regata Bianca 85S.



Vauxhall's Nova Club 1.2 hatchback.

Road Test

SEAT Ibiza

SEAT Spain, now 75 per cent owned by Volkswagen, has been selling its cars in Britain for only 16 months but is already firmly established here despite hiccups at the Barcelona plant with quality and late delivery.

With VW cracking the whip quality is already improving and this week the factory announced plans to recruit more workers to increase production. But the embryo British dealer network has been hit by the late arrival of five-door versions of the supermini-sized Ibiza and a shortage of two-door versions. At this stage in its resurrection from the ashes left by Fiat's sudden withdrawal six years ago SEAT has only two basic models and to make up for it needs every variant it can muster.

The larger Escort-sized Malaga shares the same Porsche design 1.2 and 1.5 engines as the Ibiza, but is a rather bland and unexciting car. Until the new Marbella 900cc city runabout arrives in October the more appealing Ibiza has to carry a heavy load.



Late arrival: SEAT's new Ibiza five-door model, available in 1.2 and 1.5 versions.

The five-door Ibiza 1.5 GL I tested recently was much improved on earlier versions. The "fit and finish" of paintwork, doors and interior trimmings was still not up to VW standards, but there are no longer glaring shortcomings. Also it has to be remembered that these are cheaper cars and likely to remain so while the strength of the Deutschmark continues to hinder German exporters.

The Ibiza is a sensible, workmanlike design — with one exception. I am not happy with the minor controls for such things as the horn, indicators, lights and wipersgrouped on either side of the steering wheel. The wiper control is almost impossible to use.

The five speed gearbox — another Porsche effort — is too rubbery in operation. Brakes are well up to their job and reassuring. The ride is a little choppy with one up, but improves considerably with a passenger.

I am beginning to enjoy the robust way the engine goes about its business accompanied by a strangely Italian sounding exhaust note. But the original problem with cold starting persists. It is a hit-and-miss affair, which suggests that the automatic choke is not setting correctly. The lumpy running disappears after a couple of miles.

The problem is not confined to frosty British mornings. Last week in Spain, with the temperature in the 80s, I had the same problem with a SEAT hire car.

Vital Statistics

Model: SEAT Ibiza 1.5 GL
Price: £5,883
Engine: 1461cc
Performance: 0-60mph 11.8 seconds, maximum speed 109mph
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DARTFORD-THURROCK CROSSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has introduced into the House of Commons in the present Session a Bill under the above short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction by the Secretary of State of a new bridge across the River Thames between Dartford, Kent, and Thurrock, Essex, together with associated works for or in connection with the provision of approach roads to the bridge and the improvement of the existing approach roads to the Dartford Tunnels between the junctions of the M25 with the A2 south of the river and with the A13 north of the river;

2. The intended works comprise the following:-

In the Borough of Thurrock -

Work No.1 - Improvement of both carriageways of the M25 and the A282 (Dartford Tunnel Approach Road) from a point on the M25 south of its junction with the A13 to the existing viaduct carrying the A282 over the A126 and the Tilbury Branch Railway;

Work No.1A - a new road from the southbound carriageway of the A282 near that junction to the A126 at the eastern side of that viaduct, including a cycle track from the existing cycle track adjoining that carriageway to the A126;

Work No.2 - realignment and regrading of the A282 between the northbound carriageway of that road forming part of work No.1 and the northern portals of the Dartford Tunnels,

In the Boroughs of Thurrock and Dartford (parish of Stone)-

Work No.3 - a fixed bridge over the River Thames with approach viaducts between the southbound carriageway of the A282 forming part of Work No.1 and a point north of the existing Littlebrook Bridge over the A282;

In the Borough of Dartford (town of Dartford and parishes of Darenth, Stone and Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley) -

Work No.4 - a realignment and regrading of the A282 between the southern portals of the Dartford Tunnels and the said point north of Littlebrook Bridge;

Work No.5 -improvement of both carriageways of the A282 from Works Nos.3 & 4 to the junction of the A282 with the M25 north of its junction with the A2, including the reconstruction of The Bread bridge and the Watling Street Bridge over the A282;

Work No.5A - improvement of the M25 from Work No.5 to the bridge over the River Darent;

Works Nos.6A, 6B and 6C - improvements of the slip roads at Littlebrook Bridge comprising a new slip road from the southbound carriageway of the A282 south of that bridge to the eastern access to that bridge and new slip roads from the northbound carriageway of the A282 to the western access to that bridge;

Works Nos.7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F - reconstruction of the Princes Road roundabout over the A282, including new road bridges over the A282 forming that roundabout and new slip roads from that roundabout to the carriageways of the A282 north of the roundabout.

Work No.8 - diversion of the B260 including a new bridge over the A282 in substitution for the existing Green Street Green Road Bridge;

Works Nos.9A, 9B, 9C, 9D and 9E - improvement of the junction of the M25 with the A2, including new slip roads from the A282, the A2 and the M25 to the roundabout at that junction and a widening of that roundabout;

Works Nos.10 and 11 - new link roads on both sides of the A282 from the Princes Road roundabout to the slip roads from the A282 to the roundabout at the junction of the M25 with the A2;

Work No.12 - diversion of the road to the Dartford International Ferry Terminal at a point near its junction with the eastern access to Littlebrook Bridge

Works Nos.13 and 14 - new roads from the western access to Littlebrook Bridge to the access road to Littlebrook Power Station and from that new road to the existing ferry park on the west side of the southbound toll booths of the Dartford Tunnels;

3. Acquisition by the Secretary of State of lands, or rights over land required for or in connection with the intended works, including lands required for working sites and access, the diversion of electricity cables and the construction of retaining walls and rights in land required for ground anchors for those walls; acquisition of subsoil or easements only in the case of certain specified lands; extinguishment of private rights of way; powers for the temporary occupation of land and parts of the river and temporary closure to navigation of part of the river in connection with the construction of works; and application of provisions of Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, section 4 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and section 261 of the Highways Act 1980;

4. Powers for the stopping up or diversion of specified lengths of roads, cycle tracks and footpaths as shown on the plans referred to below; provision for the satisfactory completion of roads, cycle tracks and footpaths to be provided in case of diversion; temporary interference with, stopping up or diversion of, highways for the purpose of connection of the intended works; provision to determine the status of roads to be constructed or improved together with ancillary operations and works; application of appropriate provisions of the Highways Act 1980 relating to the construction or improvement of highways and the stopping up of highways and the regulation of traffic on roads to be constructed and other roads, including provision for specific regulation on The Brent, Watling Street and Lingfield Avenue to facilitate construction of part of Work No.6;

5. The transfer, on a date to be appointed by the Secretary of State ("the transfer date"), to the Secretary of State, as a trunk road, of so much of the A282 as passes through the Dartford tunnels or over the approaches to the tunnels, together with lands and other property vested in the Essex County Council and the Kent County Council or either of those councils ("the County Councils") for the purposes of the tunnel crossing and those approaches, together with certain liabilities relating thereto; termination of status as highways of other roads within the tunnel crossing lands; and the repeal of the Dartford Tunnel Act 1984;

6. Appointment by the Secretary of State of a person to levy tolls under the intended Act by a contract providing for the construction of the bridge by that person and the maintenance by him of the tunnels and bridge and other lands forming part of the river crossing; and transfer to the person so appointed of the toll undertaking of the County Councils as existing before the transfer date, including movable property vested in the County Councils or either of them before the transfer date for the purposes of the tunnel crossing, rights and liabilities relating to such property, to land within the tunnel crossing or to agreements for payment of tolls in advance and other rights and liabilities relating to money due for payment before the transfer date;

7. Supplementary provisions relating to the transfers to the Secretary of State and to the person appointed to levy tolls of such property or liabilities as may be agreed between the Secretary of State and the County Councils, and the transfer to the Secretary of State or to the person appointed to levy tolls, or back to the County Councils, of properties referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above as may be directed by the Secretary of State after consultation with the County Councils; and transitional provisions with respect to agreements and to other property or liabilities transferred and the saving of byelaws regulating the tunnel and their approaches;

8. Transfer to employment by the person appointed to levy tolls, or to employment by the Secretary of State, of persons employed by the Kent County Council for the purposes of the tunnels on terms determined in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 and any relevant collective agreement between the County Council and a trade union;

9. Extinguishment of liabilities of the County Councils in respect of sums borrowed from the Secretary of State in respect of expenditure incurred upon the tunnel undertaking and the discharge by the Secretary of State of liabilities of the County Councils in respect of sums borrowed otherwise than from the Secretary of State in respect of such expenditure, subject to deduction of amounts received from tolls held by the County Councils at the transfer date; and payment by the Secretary of State of expenses incurred by the County Councils in connection with the transfer of property or liabilities;

10. Power for the person appointed to levy tolls or, on termination of his appointment, for the Secretary of State to levy tolls for the use by vehicles of the tunnels or the bridge with provision for the toll for each class of vehicle to be revised periodically by order of the Secretary of State; the toll for a class of vehicle to be fixed by reference to the toll leviable on 1st January 1986 subject to increase in accordance with percentage increases in the retail price index; exemption from tolls of vehicles of specified descriptions; composition agreements for payment of tolls in advance; penalty for failure to pay, or evasion of payment of, tolls; and temporary suspension of tolls by the person appointed to levy tolls or the Secretary of State if tolls are leviable by him.

11. Cessation of tolls leviable by the person appointed to levy tolls on the expiration of a period, determined by reference to the aggregate revenue produced by tolls in that period less allowable expenditure (as determined by the conclusion of appointments) and the financial commitments of that person in respect of loans and loan stock, or such longer period as may be determined by the Secretary of State for the recoupment of allowable costs, subject to a maximum period of 20 years; and provision for the cessation of tolls, if they become leviable by the Secretary of State, on the expiration of that period of 20 years or, if so determined by order, on the expiration of a further period, not exceeding 5 years, after that period of 20 years;

12. Power for the Secretary of State to delegate functions with respect to the maintenance and improvement of the river crossing to the person appointed to levy tolls or, if tolls become leviable by the Secretary of State, to any person appointed to collect tolls as his agent or, on cessation of tolls, to any person he thinks fit; the leasing of lands and easements to the person appointed to levy tolls; provision for transfer to the Secretary of State on termination of the appointment of a person to levy tolls of certain property and liabilities of that person; and provisions for the transfer to employment by the Secretary of State of persons employed by the person appointed to levy tolls in connection with that function similar to the provisions mentioned at paragraph 8 above;

13. Appointment by the person appointed to levy tolls or the Secretary of State of traffic officers to secure the observance of traffic regulation orders, byelaws and other provisions; prohibition of the use of the river crossing by persons on foot, animals and vehicles not moved by mechanical power, subject to specified exemptions including holders of season tickets; powers to stop and remove vehicles contravening such prohibition; provision for the suspension or limitation of such prohibition; regulation of the use of the river crossing by large vehicles, of the conveyance through the tunnels of dangerous goods, for fire precautions, and for the prohibition of vehicles from stopping on the river crossing or its approaches, including powers for the removal of such vehicles by traffic officers or constables; and provision for the conveyance of bicycles and cyclists through the river crossing without charge;

14. Power for the construction of subsidiary works in the river, the use of the river and the mooring of boats for construction or maintenance of the bridge or tunnels; exemption from planning control of works carried out in connection with the river crossing otherwise than by or on behalf of the Secretary of State; disapplication of statutory controls on the carrying out of operations for maintenance or improvement; application of Part II of the Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950; and prohibition of works on the crossing and approach roads without the consent of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that as from 3rd April 1987 plans and sections of the intended works with a book of reference thereto relating to the purposes of the intended Act, including plans of the lands of the County Councils referred to in paragraph 5 above, will be available for public inspection at the offices of the following officers:-

+the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Essex County Council at County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1LX;
+the County Secretary and Solicitor of the Kent County Council at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ;
+the Chief Executive of the Dartford Borough Council at Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR;
+the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the Thurrock Borough Council at Council Offices, Whitehall Lane, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL;

the Clerk to the Darenth Parish Council, Darenth Hall, Ladywood Road, Lane End, Dartford, Kent, DA2 7LL;
the Clerk to the Stone Parish Council, the Council Offices, Hayes Road, Stone, Greenhithe, Kent;
and the Clerk to the Sutton-at-Hone and Hawley Parish Council, 53 Main Road, Sutton-at-Hone, Dartford, Kent DA4 9HQ.

As from 3rd April copies of the Bill will be available for public inspection at each of the above-mentioned offices and at the offices of the undersigned Parliamentary Agent; and copies of the Bill will be available for sale at the offices of the persons listed thus + and at Her Majesty's Stationery Office at 49 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6HB.

In the House of Commons objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it for a date determined by an Order made when the Bill is read a Second time in that House and committed. Information as to the deposit of such a Petition may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undersigned Parliamentary Agent.

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Notices of the consummation, letters of transmittal to be used in obtaining distributions under the Plan and to participate in the tender offer and the offer to purchase are being mailed to creditors and equity security holders.

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Keith and Stephanie Rawkins catching a trade wind with their fabric

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By Peta Levi

Stefan Keef Ltd is one of a growing number of small businesses designing and printing textiles — in this instance, high-quality contemporary furnishing fabrics. Keith Rawkins and his wife Stephanie, who met at Bromley College of Art in Kent in the 1960s and run the company, have been in business longer than most of the new generation of designers. They have learnt some hard lessons.

On leaving college Keith went to work for Aschers London Ltd, which printed beautiful fashion silks for French couturiers. This introduced him to the art of textile printing and he became print manager for Aschers from 1964 to 1967.

With Stephanie he then set up his own business in a basement in Fulham, west London, designing and printing fabrics for the rag trade. The business became a commission print works, designing exclusive materials for many well-known names — Thea Porter, Mr Fish, Take Six, Village Gate. Keith recalls: "We had plenty of work, but never made any money — we were no good at charging the right prices." Keith and Stephanie found the fashion trade fickle and governed by accountants.

Stefan Keef, as the business is called, also learnt not to put all its eggs in one basket. In the 1970s, when the rag trade started buying fabrics from Hong Kong and Taiwan, the couple designed exclusively for a large shirting company, printing 2,000 metres a week. When this company suddenly went bankrupt Stefan Keef lost £5,000.

Hand-painting cushions in the garage

"This may have been a blessing in disguise", says Keith. "We turned from bulk to special printing, hand-painting silk cushions in our garage." It has taken Stefan Keef five years to build up its furnishing fabric range — painterly designs on superb silks and quality cottons. Keith and Stephanie found the furnishing fabric market much slower to react than the fashion trade, as interior designers and architects usually decide the colour scheme and furnishings before the house or flat is gutted and re-decorated, so the gap between selecting and ordering fabrics can become six months.

One of Stefan Keef's strong points is that it can print a fabric sample to match an architect's carpet or wall covering within 24 hours.

"One of the biggest problems", says Keith, "is the first £50,000." It has taken the couple three years to raise £60,000. They finally achieved this through the Business Expansion Scheme (BES) whereby top-rate taxpayers obtain income tax relief on money invested. Keith comments: "The bank had wanted a charge on our freehold home and most investors wanted 51 per cent of our company, which meant we would lose control."

As a result of the BES and by investing their own money they have retained 60 per cent.

Missing a £5bn boost

Small British manufacturing companies are missing a £5 billion opportunity to boost exports, according to a survey published this week into the attitudes and problems faced by small businesses ***(writes Teresa Poole).***

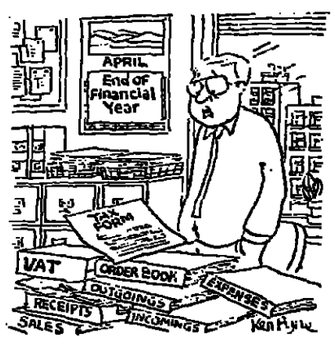
The study focused on manufacturing firms in the range of £1 million to £10 million turnover. It was estimated that perhaps as little as one third of business accounted for 80 per cent of exports by the target group. These "active exporters" — firms which exported more than 15 per cent of their turnover — were found to have very different management attitudes from "passive" or non-exporters.

The greatest barriers to exporting emerged as a lack of knowledge, commitment, and persistence within the firms. The mechanics of exporting, such as export documentation and delays in payment, did not present a great obstacle in practice.

It was estimated that if the export ratio of the average passive exporter — who has already achieved some success abroad with his products — was raised to that of active exporters, British exports of manufactures would increase by £5.2 billion. There is also scope for exports among at least some non-exporters.

The survey, by international business consultants, Graham Bannock and Partners on behalf of the British Overseas Trade Board, looked at individual sectors, estimating the potential exports that could be generated. The leading sectors were mechanical engineering (£1441 million), electrical and electronic instruments (£725 million), chemical industry (£463 million), textiles (£462 million), and metal goods (£445 million).

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Law Report April 3 1987

Order banning plot to cause damage

Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Ltd v Page and Others

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment April 2]

The principle that an interlocutory injunction preventing publication would not be granted in defamation cases where the defence was justification did not apply where the plaintiffs had established an arguable case that the publication was part of a concerted plan by the defendants to inflict deliberate damage upon the plaintiffs without any just cause.

The Court of Appeal so held, when giving reasons for allowing on March 19 an appeal by the plaintiffs, Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Ltd from a decision of Mr Justice Warner who on the same day, refused the plaintiffs' application for an injunction restraining the defendants, Alfred William James Page, Stephen Martin Page and Segap Garages Ltd from publishing an airborne sign over the Cheltenham racecourse.

Mr John Cherryman, QC and Mr Edward Davidson for the plaintiffs: Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr Hubert Picarda for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the Page brothers owned, controlled and were directors of Segap Garages Ltd which owned and operated a number of petrol filling stations.

By an exclusive supply agreement in 1982 Segap agreed to buy and Gulf agreed to sell all the fuel required for certain of Segap's filling stations.

By 1985 Gulf were supplying four fuel stations on credit terms and in April 1985 Segap's debt amounted to about £400,000. Gulf refused to make any further deliveries save on c.o.d. or direct debit terms.

Segap refused to accept those terms and Gulf maintained its refusal to supply. On April 10 Segap obtained supplies from an alternative source but made it clear that it was holding Gulf to its agreement. It did not however make the payments due.

On April 15 Gulf gave notice terminating the agreement under a clause which permitted it to do so in the event of a breach by Segap, relying on the obtaining from another source and the failure to pay as the breach.

No further deliveries or payments were made although Segap continued to assert that Gulf remained bound by the supply agreement.

Gulf issued a writ claiming, *inter alia*, the outstanding moneys and in June 1986 Mr Justice Knox gave judgment for Gulf. However in July 1985 Segap issued proceedings against Gulf claiming damages for failure to supply and claimed that the agreement was still in full force and effect.

In December 1986 Mr Justice Scott held that Gulf was in breach of the agreement in refusing to supply save on c.o.d. terms but that it was entitled on April 15 to terminate the agreement for non-payment and ordered a an inquiry as to quantum of damages. Segap had appealed and Gulf had cross-appealed and the appeals were pending.

After Mr Justice Scott's judgment a document giving an account of the litigation and judgment was circulated to a number of Gulf's customers and on March 18, during the Cheltenham race meeting, a light aircraft flew over Cheltenham where it could be seen from both from Gulf's head office and from the racecourse where Gulf was entertaining customers.

The aircraft was displaying a clearly visible legend "Gulf exposed in fundamental breach". After an exchange of Telexes between Gulf's and Segap's solicitors, Gulf applied in the Chancery Division for an interim injunction restraining the defendants from exhibiting or publishing on any airborne sign the legend carried on the aircraft or any words to like or similar effect.

Mr Justice Warner refused relief on the ground that the truth of the words was not in issue and that, in a libel action, if a defendant intended to justify, interim relief was, as a matter of principle never granted.

Gulf did not seek to challenge the principle but contended that where there was clear evidence of a conspiracy to injure, the principle had no application.

The defendants asserted that if interim relief could be granted in such a case as the present one, it would in effect reverse the long standing principle because it would often be open to a plaintiff in a libel action to claim also in conspiracy against the reporter, editor, printers and publishers of the libel.

There was in the exchange of Telexes clear evidence of a combination between the two Pages and Segap to display the airborne sign over the Cheltenham racecourse where it could be seen and in order that it should be seen by the maximum number of people, the vast majority of whom would have no interest whatsoever in the supply of fuel to filling stations.

Moreover, that was done when appeals were pending and when according to the judgment the agreement had been terminated. Therefore at the time the defendants had no immediate interest of their own to protect or further against Gulf.

In those circumstances there was a strong inference that the purpose of the display was simply to inflict upon Gulf the maximum possible damage in its business by way of revenge. There was thus not merely a serious issue to be tried but a strong *prima facie* case in conspiracy to injure.

There was no wrong done if what was published was true provided that it was not published in pursuance of a combination, and even if it was, there was still no wrong unless the sole or dominant purpose of the combination and publication was to injure the plaintiff. If however, there was both combination and purpose or dominant purpose to injure, there was a wrong done.

When a plaintiff sued in conspiracy there was therefore a potential wrong even if it was admitted, as it was by Gulf, that the publication was true and there was no cause of action in defamation. In such a case the court could proceed on the same principles as in any other tort.

The prospect that that would open the floodgates and reverse the principle applicable in libel actions was unreal. A plaintiff in an action against the author and publisher of a newspaper article might well establish a combination, but it would only be in the rarest case that evidence of dominant purpose could be made out to warrant the grant of interlocutory relief.

The court would scrutinise with the greatest care any case where a cause of action in conspiracy was joined to a cause of action in defamation and would require to be satisfied that such joinder was not merely an attempt to circumvent the rule in defamation.

Where, however, it was not asserted that there was any cause of action in libel and the plaintiff relied on conspiracy only, then the court needed only to be satisfied that there was a serious question on combination and intention to injure to be tried.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and the Vice-Chancellor agreed.

Solicitors: Metson Cross & Co; Gamlens.

French divorce stayed in England

de Dampierre v de Dampierre

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches April 2]

Where the courts of France clearly provided the appropriate forum to resolve a matrimonial dispute and it was not unfair to confine the wife to her rights under French law with regard to maintenance. English proceedings brought by her should be stayed.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the husband, Count Elie de Dampierre, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson) on June 5, 1986, of his appeal from the refusal of Sir John Arnold, President, on December 11, 1985, to grant the him a stay of divorce proceedings commenced in England by his wife, Countess Florence de Dampierre.

Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC and Mr Allen Dyer for the husband: Mr Mathew Thorpe, QC and Mr Barry Singelton for the wife.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the husband was born in New York, his nationality was French, he was educated in France and he undertook military sevice in the French army. The wife was born in France. Her nationality was French and she was a student in Paris when she married the husband in December 1977.

In 1979 the parties moved to London where the husband was involved in marketing cognac produced on the family estate. In November 1984 the wife established an antique business in New York and in May 1985 she informed the husband that she did not intend to return to London.

The husband instituted divorce proceedings in France on May 22, 1985 and the wife petitioned for divorce in England on July 19, 1985. The husband had since sold the London house and returned to France.

The wife opposed a stay of her divorce proceedings in England for one reason only. In those proceedings she was likely to obtain substantial financial relief notwithstanding any responsibility she might bear for the breakdown of the marriage.

Under French law a wife who was found to be exclusively blameworthy for the breakdown of the marriage might be denied financial ancillary relief save for maintenance which would enable her to provide a home for an infant child of the marriage.

The President and the Court of Appeal thought that if the wife might be financially worse off under French law than under English law she was entitled to pursue her proceedings in England.

The Court of Appeal founded themselves on a passage from the speech of Lord Diplock in *The Abidin Daver* ([1984] AC 398, 412). In his Lordship's opinion, the tests adumbrated by Lord Diplock were not satisfied merely by proving that the plaintiff had an advantage in England in that he might recover in England that which he might not recover abroad.

The court had to consider whether in all the circumstances it was just that the plaintiff should be allowed to exploit and enforce his English advantage and should only refuse a stay if it would be unjust to confine the plaintiff to his remedies elsewhere. The mere fact that the plaintiff had a legitimate personal or juridical advantage in proceedings in England could not be decisive.

It was not unfair to the wife in the present circumstances to deprive her of the advantages of seeking from an English court maintenance which she might not obtain from a French court. Her connections with England were tenuous and she had voluntarily severed all connection with England before instituting proceedings.

She could litigate in France as easily as in England and she could obtain from the French court all the redress to which she was entitled under French law. It would be unfair to the husband to treat the wife as if she were an English wife.

If it was not unfair to confine the wife to her rights under French law with regard to maintenance, then a stay of the English proceedings must be ordered.

LORD GOFF, concurring, said that the courts in the present case had been concerned with the question of whether a stay of proceedings should be granted in the exercise of a discretion conferred by statute, namely, paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973.

That statute had been enacted before the recent development of the court's inherent jurisdiction to order a stay of proceedings on the ground of the Scottish principle of *forum non conveniens*. In the result, a problem had arisen with regard to the relationship between the statutory jurisdiction and the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Under the Scottish principle, now applicable in England, the court might exercise its discretion under its inherent jurisdiction where it was satisfied that there was some other tribunal having competent jurisdiction in which the case might be tried more suitably for the interests of the parties and for the ends of justice.

Paragraph 9(1) required the court to assess the balance of fairness as between the parties in order to consider whether it was appropriate for a stay to be granted. Those were not precisely the words used to describe the principle of *forum non conveniens*, but it was very difficult to conclude that the underlying purposes of that principle and the statutory provision were materially different.

There were, moreover, good reasons why judges, in applying the statutory provision, should have regard to the authorities on *forum non conveniens*.

No doubt there were circumstances when it could plainly be perceived that it was more fair that proceedings should proceed in a foreign jurisdiction. But experience had shown that there were difficulties.

There were factors which could not evenly be weighed. For one class of factors might be simply relevant as connecting the dispute with a particular forum, whereas another might point to injustice arising if the dispute was remitted to that forum.

A factor might be such that its advantage to one party might be counterbalanced by an equal disadvantage to the other; and a decision had to be made how such factors should be taken into account in considering the "balance of fairness" between the parties.

The principle of *forum non conveniens* had now been developed in such a way that such matters could be approached both consistently in the cases and always in accordance with the underlying principle of justice.

Anxious though his Lordship was not to fetter in any way the broad discretion conferred by the statute, it appeared to be inherently desirable that judges of first instance should approach their task in cases under the statute in the same way as they now did in cases of *forum non conveniens* where there was a *lis alibi pendens*.

Lord Keith, Lord Brandon and Lord Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Price Bieber & Co; Richards Butler.

Trespass by crane

Anchor Brewhouse Developments Ltd and Others v Berkley House (Docklands) Development Ltd

A crane situated on the defendants' land on a development site in London which overhung or passed over the plaintiffs' adjoining land, constituted a trespass, which the court could restrain by injunction.

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division on March 27 in granting an injunction to Anchor Brewhouse Developments Ltd and associated companies against the defendants, Berkley House (Docklands) Development Ltd.

Gross overcharging can be theft

Regina v Silverman

Where there was a relationship of trust between customers and tradesmen so that the customers relied on the tradesmen to act fairly and reasonably towards them at all times, an offence under section 15(1) of the Theft Act 1968 might be committed if a grossly excessive price was quoted and charged for work or services, even if, apart from mentioning the price, nothing more was said and no pressure was applied to encourage the acceptance of the quotation.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Bush and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy, so stated on March 31 when the Court of Appeal allowed on other grounds the appeal of Michael John Silverman against his conviction on January 22, 1987 in Acton Crown Court (Judge Worthington and a jury) of obtaining property by deception, for which he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with 14 suspended.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it could not be right to say that someone who was asked for a quotation for work or services would come into conflict with the criminal law inevitably if he pitched his quotation very, very high. Whether or not he had made a false representation that the amount quoted was a fair and reasonable price had to depend upon the particular circumstances.

In this case the relationship between customer and tradesman had been built up and maintained over a number of years.

In respect of work to be done to a boiler a cheque for £2,875 was asked for and given, and an oral estimate of £20,000 plus £3,000 VAT was accepted and later paid in respect of rewiring and redecorating a maisonette.

PSYCHING-UP: KEEPING CONTROL OF THE TRADITIONAL ART OF MOTIVATION

Team talks under review

The team talk that the England rugby union XV got in their dressing room at Cardiff was fundamentally different from the words addressed to the Oxford and Cambridge crews, and from those which Arsenal and Liverpool will get before Sunday's Littlewoods Cup final. The difference is that the rugby talk was given by the captain rather than the coach or manager.

It is a difference which rugby men have, in the past, viewed with satisfaction. It suggests to them that they are more mature: not children needing to be told what to do. But it is a tradition which is starting to be questioned, especially after a game like the one at Cardiff when both captain and players were clearly too "psyched-up" for their own good.

Too much talk is counter-productive

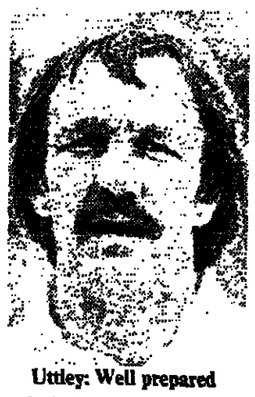
One of those who questions it is Dr Ken Kennedy, once captain of London Irish and pack leader of Ireland — and also an officiating doctor at boxing contests. "Psyching-up can only work if the pupil has done his work, so that the teacher can do *his* work," he says. "But psyching-up means something quite different to most rugby teams. A lot of it is absolutely worthless — and counter-productive."

Modern sports psychology, as Kennedy points out, focuses more on getting each individual within the team into the right frame of mind. Kennedy, a hooker, used to follow his own gradual build-up to a game, which included listening to music. "I would try to visualize what I was going to do and what my opponent was going to do. My sole objective was to succeed in that little sphere of life."

That is likely, too, to be the tenor of the team-talk England get from their new captain tomorrow. Mike Harrison is a wing. He will be more conscious of the need for every player to succeed, as Kennedy says, in his own sphere. No doubt he will view the confidence and control of those players as the key to the side performing with credit against impressive opponents, rather than their ability to smash the Scots.



Harrison: Need to succeed



Uttley: Well prepared

So is there no role at all for the old-style, inspirational team talk? "Yes, I suspect that you do need to invoke team spirit," says John Syer, a leading sports psychologist. "But you do it best by referring to past experience. You tell the players, 'Remember how we started the game against . . . remember what we said the other day about . . .?"

Syer likes to distinguish between *mental* warm-up, which a coach may be orchestrating for a week beforehand, *physical* warm-up and, finally, *emotional* warm-up — the last, no more than a coat of varnish. Inflammatory words, he says, are not at all helpful: you do not want players out of control.

That idea is echoed by Roger Uttley, who captained the England rugby team in 1977, and was a member of the North Division pack which gained a famous victory over the All Blacks in 1979 — a match prior to which few words were needed, he says, because everyone was so well-prepared.

The other problem with psyching-up is that players react differently. As John Syer found when he was working with Tottenham Hotspur, it is only helpful to a player who needs it — someone, perhaps, who has played a great many games. And in his latest book, *Team Spirit*, Syer makes this startling point: the more important the match, the less psyching-up is needed.

That idea clearly contradicts what most rugby men believe. Evidently there was some difference of opinion

Low-key talks help the most

when Syer started working with the Richmond club earlier in the season: low-key dressing room talks were not popular. But in the coming cricket season two counties will be using his services. Perhaps, in these changing times, John Syer's quiet voice may yet be employed to prepare an England rugby union XV for battle. Controlled, constructive battle, of course.

Norman Harris

YACHTING

Richards' Olympic hopes are hit by an ill wind

By Barry Pickthall

Jo Richards's hopes of winning an Olympic medal in the Tornado class were dealt an early blow by last weekend's gales, when the former bronze medal winner's new boatwas picked up and smashed beyond repair.

Richards had been hoping this season to make the transition from Flying Dutchman to the catamaran class and challenge Rob White and Jeremy Newman, the current world champions, for the right to represent Britain at next year's Olympic Games in Korea.

He must now find a replacement boat in time to compete at the pre-Olympic regatta at Hyères, in France, later this month.

● Stewart Childerly is emerging as the man to beat in the Finn Olympic single-hander class. His prospects of winning a medal at the Cannes ski-yachting regatta are good. Two weeks ago the former Laser class world champion recorded his fourth successive victory at a major international event.

● The loss of, or severe damage to, so many offshore multihulls in two races at the tail-end of last season is proving a serious problem for race organizers this year.

Tony Bullimore has shelved, until next year, plans to replace Apricot, one of six crafts to falter during November's notorious Route du Rhum French single-handed race. The future of Paragon, Mike Whipp's trimaran which had a float sliced off in a collision with a coaster during the Silk Cut multihull challenge last season, is still in doubt, and "For Sale" signs adorn Don Wood's Redstar-Nightstar and Robin Knox-Johnston's catamaran, British Airways. This leaves Peter Phillips and his 80ft yacht Novel Network as Britain's only representative.

● John Hughes, aged 26, the lone yachtsman left adrift in the Pacific nine weeks ago when the mast on his 42ft yacht, Joseph Young, snapped, was expected to set sail from the Falklands yesterday. He is bound for Rio de Janeiro and Newport Rhode Island and the finish of the single-handed Round the World race. The RAF last weekend airlifted a replacement mast and sails to the island for the London-born sailor.

● The Offshore Racing Council may have been too quick on the draw when they banned the use of Rivlet film on offshore racing yachts this year. By outlawing it they have left the way open for yachtsmen to exploit another drag-reducing underwater finish — tested in secrecy on Britain's America's Cup yacht, White Crusader — which is said to reduce skin friction by three to four per cent.

● Castaway Fiji, a New Zealand yacht, capsized yesterday in the Coral Sea while competing in the Melbourne-to-Osaka two-handed ocean race. The pilot of a French naval jet spotted the yacht five metres under the waves with only its mast above water. The pilot also reported seeing only one of the two-man crew in a liferaft dropped by the aircraft.

The 16-metre craft was lying second, 40 miles astern of the race leader, SDC Nakiri Daio, of Japan, before sending two mayday signals. She is crewed by Digby Taylor, aged 45, and Colin Akhurst, aged 35.

An Australian Air Force jet was sent to guide the Australian yacht Kirribilli to the liferaft, but rough sea conditions were expected to hamper attempts to take survivors on board.

BASKETBALL

Dramatic close to season

By Nicholas Harling

For once the spectacle should match the anticipation. The conflux of the four best squads in England in the National Championship play-off finals, which begin at Wembley tonight, should ensure a spectacular climax to the season, possibly the most dramatic ever.

Not since the present play-off system was devised three years ago have all four top seeds qualified. One or another of them has invariably stumbled along the way as, indeed three of them threatened to do so this season, being taken to the third leg of the quarter-finals by clubs that had finished lower in the league.

Only HFS Portsmouth, who disposed of Alphaprint Royals from Hemel Hempstead in their quarter-final, advanced comfortably, but their defeat last week against Polycell Kingston in the semi-final of the British Masters Tournament suggested that the league champions may be past their peak.

Conversely, if one team has rediscovered its form, it is Kingston, who relished their revenge over the club that had beaten them to the league title and who this week confirmed their revival by overwhelming Murray International Metals Livingston in the final of the Masters. "The hungryness is back," their coach, Kevin Cadle, says.

Cadle takes extra comfort from the fact that by beating them, Kingston have deprived Portsmouth of a game for the last 10 days. "We have needed to play," he says. "It's no good just training and practising for all that time. Portsmouth haven't been able to play and that's got to be good for us."

The teams are scheduled to meet in tomorrow's final but such is the calibre of the opposition that there is no guarantee either will be there. Portsmouth's opponents in tonight's first semi-final are BCP London, who on the evidence of their quarter-final humiliation of Leicester are capable of blowing out anyone on their day. BCP are another to take heart from Portsmouth's inactivity. "We had four games in two days," their coach, David Last, said. "After that two games in two days will be easy-peasy."

Kingston's semi-final opponents are Sharp Manchester United, who have beaten them in two of this season's four previous meetings, significantly for United in the most recent two fixtures.

Glad to be over their acrimonious quarter-final with Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates, the legacy of which was the pelvic and back injuries suffered by their England international, Tony Balogun, United can never be dismissed. They upset Kingston in a memorable final two years ago.

And if Balogun and Mark Scott, another back-injury victim, are fit, they will take some stopping. "I'm still sore," said Balogun, "but once I get into the game I don't expect to feel anything. The adrenalin will takeover."

Joe Whelton, the United coach, is not so sure. "Tony has only trained twice so far and he didn't come through those so well. We don't want him to jeopardize his career."

MOTOR SPORT

Herbert is leader in the field

With the second round of the Lucas British Formula Three Championship on at Brands Hatch on Sunday, all pre-race discussions centre on Johnny Herbert. His domination at Thruxton on March 15 was such that no one is prepared to predict a different result this time around.

Such caution was shown to be wise last week when the young Briton went around the Kentish circuit faster than anyone else during pre-race testing. And, to unsettle his opponents further, seasoned observers suggest he was not driving his Stelrad Reynard to its potential.

While most agree he enjoys a power advantage from his Spiess-tuned Volkswagen engine, it is also clear that Eddie Jordan Racing have their act honed to a finer degree than the rest, and that Herbert is realizing the potential he displayed when he bounced confidently into Formula Three last season.

The Britons, Damon Hill and Perry McCarthy, were also quick in practice, but Niclas Schonstrom, of Sweden, Gary Brabham, of Australia, and Bertrand Gachot, of Belgium, continue to provide more serious threats.

The European Touring Car Championship kicks off at Donington Park tomorrow. After the furore at Monza during and after the first World Touring Car round, attention will focus on the eligibility of the BMW M3s, which represent the bulk of the entry.

Wilson is on target

Malcolm Wilson, driving an MG Metro, aims to become the first driver to win three major rallies in succession when he tackles the Northsound Radio *Granite City Rally* in north-east Scotland tomorrow.

It is seven years since Wilson competed in the Aberdeen-based event and won. "The rally uses one of the longest and toughest stages anywhere in the world in Clashindarroch Forest. It's 19 miles of sheer torture," said Wilson.

Although not contesting the Marlboro/Autosport National series, Wilson will be first away from the breakfast-time start for the 140 crews aiming to survive the 100 miles of action in forest tracks.

Scottish hopes for a home victory are high as David Gillanders holds a three point lead in the championship while Ken Wood is in third place, nine points behind Gillanders.

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LIVERPOOL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Taelos.
2.35 Woodland View.
3.10 Past Glories.
3.45 Eliogarty.

4.20 BACKSTREET GUY (nap).
4.50 Vipsania.
5.20 Rustle.

By Michael Seely
3.10 High Knowl. 3.45 Eliogarty.

Going: soft (Grand National course); good to soft (Mildmay course and hurdles)

2.0 WOODLAND NOVICE CHASE (£4,830: 2m) (9 runners)

101	4-111F0	DAN THE MILLAR 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Haggas) *Mrs M Dickinson 8-11-13*	G Bradley	97
102	2-13141	TAELOS 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Holt) G W Richards 6-11-10	P Tuck	95
103	33-U133	BUCKFAST ABBEY 111 (F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 7-11-7	P Dever	96
105	F42021	*LONG ENGAGEMENT 20 (D,G) (G Marcaunt) D Nicholson 5-11-7*	R Dunwoody	● 99
106	10116F	SOUND ARGUMENT 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Dolan) M Pipe 8-11-7	P Scudamore	92
107	00-FPPF	DUNVEGAN CASTLE 97 (P Sugden) G Prest 8-11-3	C Cox	—
108	402F1F	JOHN FEATHER 9 (G,S) (A Phillips) D Burchell 8-11-3	M Bastard	77
110	44/0U03	OUTLAW 20 (F,G) (H White) J Edwards 8-11-3	T Morgan	88
117	03F0F0	SILVER CANNON 18 (G Harper) R Woodhouse 5-10-9	S Woods	—

BETTING: 11-4 *Taelos*, 3-1 *Long Engagement*, 7-2 Dan The Millar, 6-1 Buckfast Abbey, 10-1 Outlow, Sound Argument, 12-1 John Feather, 25-1 Silver Cannon, 33-1 Dunvegan Castle.

1986: PEARLYMAN 7-11-3 P Barton (4-1) J Edwards 10 ran

FORM DAN THE MILLAR in need of the race when 21¼l 5th to Gala's Image (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m, £21965, good, Mar 17, 19 ran) with *SOUND ARGUMENT (11-3) beaten when falling 2 out.*
Earlier, DAN THE MILLAR (11-11) beat a below par LONG ENGAGEMENT (11-4) 30l at Doncaster (2m 150y, £6962, good, Dec 13, 4 ran) with BUCKFAST ABBEY (11-8) a distance back at 3rd.
Last time LONG ENGAGEMENT (11-3) produced a much better effort when a 12l winner from Wollow Will (11-7) at Sandown (2m 18y, £3012, good, Mar 14, 9 ran).
TAELOS (11-5) latest start a 15l winner from Mossmorran (10-7) with the rest well strung out, Newcastle (3m, £4425, good, Mar 21, 6 ran).
JOHN FEATHER (10-0) beat Shamma (10-0) 4l on *penultimate start at Southwell (2m 74y, £1615, good to soft, Feb 27, 6 ran).*
Selection: LONG ENGAGEMENT

2.35 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICE CHASE FINAL (Limited Handicap: £5,834: 2m 4f: Mildmay Course) (14 runers) — BBC 2

201	4-12210	RIBOBELLE 17 (D,F,G,S) (T Chandler) M Pipe 6-12-0	P Scudamore	90
202	900310	EVENING SONG 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 8-11-9	Mr P Townsley	● 99
203	211204	KILSYTH 13 (G,S) (M Ponton) D Burchell 8-10-13	S Smith Eccles	93
204	1-40023	ABOVE PAR 20 (S) (Mrs M Peel) N Gaselee 6-10-8	A Adams (7)	87
205	30F0F0	KELLY'S MAID 8 (R Belasco) J Webber 7-10-7	G Mernagh	87
206	023000	CAMEBELLE 20 (B,S) (Maj N Martin) N Mitchell 9-10-7	Mr T Mitchell (7)	94
207	0-03022	WOODLAND VIEW 39 (F) (Mrs D Hammerson) P J Jones 8-10-7	*R Dunwoody*	97
208	13223U	MAGGIES GIRL 86 (G,S) (Mrs M Whiteman) Denys Smith 8-10-7	C Grant	95
209	02FF00	DONNA FARINA 11 (S) (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G W Richards 6-10-7	J Hansen	94
210	000P/10	*SILENT SURRENDER 46 (D,S) (Mrs E Smith) P J Jones 7-10-7*	M Kinane	92
212	0-4004	GIOLLA UP 36 (E O'Sullivan) D Gandolfo 8-10-7	M Dwyer	—
213	420FB3	SILVER SNOW 10 (F) (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 9-10-7	J J Quinn	87
214	000F-0F	*RILK 11 (J Neville)* N Chamberlain 6-10-7	T P White (7)	—
215	021/004	TACOVA 9 (F) (R Frost) R Frost 9-10-7	J Frost	79

BETTING: 3-1 Woodland View, 9-2 Kilsyth, 11-2 Ribobelle, 6-1 Evening Song, 15-2 Above Par, 8-1 Silver Snow, 10-1 Maggies Girl, Silent Surrender, 12-1 others.

1986: *SLIPALONG* 9-10-13 (C Mann) 16-1 P Jones 17 ran

FORM EVENING SONG (11-3) had RIBOBELLE (11-3) just behind in 8th when 7th to Gala's Image (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m, £21965, good, Mar 17, 19 ran).
Previously EVENING SONG (11-1) beat ABOVE PAR (10-10) 20l, with GIOLLA UP (10-10) another 25l behind in 4th and TACOVA (10-10) a further 2l back in 5th at Folkestone (2m 4l, £1561, soft, Feb 26, 13 ran).
RIBOBELLE (11-1) had previously got up under strong driving to beat Pelham Line (10-10) a length, with EVENING SONG (11-1) 20l behind in 3rd and SILENT SURRENDER (11-1) a further 16l back in a never dangerous 5th at Plumpton (2m 4f, £1825, good, Feb 15, 14 ran).
ABOVE PAR (10-0) subsequently showed better when 5l 2nd to Hal's Joy (10-3) at *Chepstow ((2m 4f, £4552, soft, Mar 14, 16 ran)* a race in which CAMEBELLE (10-0) could never get in a blow and finished 8th.
WOODLAND VIEW (10-11) not disgraced when 1½l 2nd to Patrick's Fair (11-2), with DONNA FARINA *(10-11) in 3rd when falling 3 out at Wolverhampton* (2m 4f, £2122, good, Feb 23, 16 ran).
MAGGIES GIRL (10-11) best judged on a 5l 2nd to Targogan's Best (10-12) at Haydock (2m 4f, £2337, good to soft, Dec 10, 5 ran).
Selection: WOODLAND VIEW

3.10 GLENLIVET HURDLE (4-Y-O: £19,223: 2m) (13 runners) — BBC 2

302	210	*ALDINO 15 (S) (A Boyd-Rochford) O Sherwood 11-0*	S Sherwood	85
303	21210	CAROUSEL ROCKET 15 (D,G,S) (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 11-0	G Bradley	71
304	110	CASHEW KING 15 (D,S) (P Moss) B McMahon 11-0	T Wall	93
305	*10013*	*DEVIL'S RUN 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs T Bulgin) T Bulgin 11-0*	B de Haan	77
306	000	FINAL TRY 48 (M Pinto) J Gifford 11-0	E Murphy	—
307	214010	FINGEST 15 (B,D,G,S) (R Ashford) Miss A King 11-0	A Webb	78
308	*111124*	*HIGH KNOWL 15 (D,BF,S) (N Wellington) M Pipe 11-0*	P Scudamore	95
309	3F1221	HURRICANE HENRY 30 (B,D,F,S) (Lady H St George) M W Easterby 11-0	R Beggan	83
312	00110	MASNOON 15 (D,F,S) (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 11-0	C Grant	86
314	*411122*	*PAST GLORIES 15 (D,S) (N Hetherton) W Elsey 11-0*	P A Farrell	96
315	1100	SPROWSTON BOY 15 (D,G,S) (G Whiting) P Kelleway 11-0	R Dunwoody	● 99
316	041	TAMATOUR 14 (D,G) (T Ramsden) D Ringer 11-0	G McCourt	90
317	141223	GRABEL 15 (D,G) (P Kehoe) P Mullins (Ire) 10-9	A Mullins	96

BETTING: 3-1 High Knowl, 4-1 Past Glories, 9-2 Grabel, 6-1 Cashew King, 8-1 Aldino, 10-1 Sprowston Boy, 12-1 Tamatour, Carousel Rocket, 16-1 others.

1986: DARK RAVEN 11-0 T Carmoddy (7-2) D Weld (Ire) 16 ran

FORM PAST GLORIES (11-0) ran a half length 2nd to Alone Success (11-0) in the Triumph hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, £25895, good, Mar 19, 29 ran) with the Irish challenger GRABEL (10-9) 1½l 3rd, HIGH KNOWL (11-0) 10l *4th*, ALDINO (11-0) 8l 6th, FINGEST (11-0) a length 7th, and CAROUSEL ROCKET (11-0), CASHEW KING (11-0), MASNOON (11-0), SPROWSTON BOY (11-0) all out of contention.
Prior to that run ALDINO (10-10) a head winner from Nos Na Gaothe (11-0) at Huntingdon (2m 100y, £3366, heavy, Feb 24, 9 ran).
CAROUSEL ROCKET (11-2) a 5l victory from HURRICANE HENRY (11-2) at Newcastle (2m 120yd, £932, good to soft, Dec 29, 5 ran).
CASHEW KING (11-4) was an impressive 15l winner from PAST GLORIES (11-10) in testing conditions at *Haydock (2m, £5949, heavy, Mar 7, 6 ran).*
HIGH KNOWL'S (11-3) jockey was caught napping when a *¾l 2nd to Framlington Court (10-10) at* Kempton (2m, £8957, soft, Feb 28, 10 ran) with DEVIL'S RUN (10-10) 20l 3rd.
SPROWSTON BOY (10-5) ran a good race in top class handicap company when 7th behind Neblin (10-0) at Newbury (2m 100y, £21054, soft, Feb 14, 21 ran).
Selection: PAST GLORIES

3.45 R.E.A. BOTT FOX HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs: £7,064: 2m 6f: Grand National course) (25 runners) — BBC 2

401	4FFB30	ABERVANTER 8 (G,S) (G Wragg) D L Williams 10-12-0	G Wragg	60
402	12F3/00	APPLALTO 22 (S) (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 13-12-0	M Armytage	—
404	2133-0U	BINGE 17 (D,S) (R Goodall) R Goodall 11-12-0	R Goodall	79
405	U/	BOONABAROO 764 (Capt R Seaman) R Seaman 10-12-0	*J Seaman*	—
406	111-210	BORDER BURG 15 (F,G,S) (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 10-12-0	A Hill	● 99
408	40P/4PF-	CALDWELL CASE 388 (F) (J Cornwall) J Cornwall 12-12-0	B Hill	—
409	30000F-	*CAPTAIN PARKHILL 365 (S) (B McLean) B McLean 14-12-0*	*R McLean*	84
411	P00-204	CLONCORMICK 9 (F,S) (M Bradstock) F Walwyn 12-12-0	M Bradstock	75
412	P/0P2P-P	DOOR STEP 28 (F,S) (Mrs K Ratcliffe) Mrs K Ratcliffe 11-12-0	C Ratcliffe	76
413	20U-114	*ELIOGRATY (V,CD) (Miss C Beasley) M Robinson 12-12-0*	Miss C Beasley	98
414	343124	FETHARD FRIEND (K Al-Saud) J Edwards 12-12-0	P Fenton	81
416	413-201	KING BA BA (A Wates) R Gow 12-12-0	Mr T Mitchell	84
417	P3U40-4	*LEGAL EMPEROR 28 (F,S) (R Orkney) R Orkney 9-12-0*	A Orkney	56
418	P004-4P	LEXADOR 3 (S) (Royal Regiment of Artillery) C Moore 9-12-0	Maj C Moore	59
419	3444P/0-	MASTER NIBBLE 312 (S) (C Holmes) C Holmes 12-12-0	C Holmes	—
422	P/300-3F	POYNTZ PASS 20 (G,S) (B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 12-12-0	B Munro-Wilson	80
423	0/2312-2	PRINCE MILBORNE 50 (F) (R Fear) R Fear 11-12-0	G Upton	66
424	24/230-1	SELBORNE RAMBLER 8 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Roberts) J Webber 9-12-0	P Webber	86
425	01-0PP2	SHACKIN BRIG 18 (B,G) (S C Gisborne) Mrs C Gisborne 10-12-0	B Crawford	81
427	4000P0/	SMILING SAM 720 (G,S) (D Murphy) D Murphy 11-12-0	L Carenza	—
428	P30-302	SONNY MAY 35 (F,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 11-12-0	Miss G Armytage	66
429	0/1U4-P	SWIFT CURRENT 41 (F) (R Kieckhefer) R Kieckhefer 11-12-0	T Grantham	53
430	0200-00	THREE HONORS 232 (G) (P Millington) P Millington 12-12-0	P Millington	—
431	UU/0320-	CONTRARY LADY 322 (M Weston) M Weston 10-11-9	M Weston	64
432	P3P003-	SHINING SANN 312 (S) (R Johnson) R Johnson 12-11-9	P Johnson	50

BETTING: 4-1 Eliogarry 15 (G,S), 5-1 Border Burg, 6-1 Fethard Friend 17 (F,G,S), Selborne Rambler, 8-1 Sonny May, Cloncormick, 10-1 King Ba Ba 17 (G,S), Poyntz Pass, 12-1 Prince Milborne, 14-1 others.

1986: ELIOGARTY 11-12-0 Miss C Beasley (11-2) D Murray-Smith 20 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs O Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. *CD-course and distance winner.* BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weights. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private *Handicapper's rating.*

FORM ELIOGARTY took this race last year, on most recent outing (12-0) not disgraced when 18½l 4th to Observe (12-0), with BORDER BURG (12-0) another 4½l back in a *disappointing 5th at Cheltenham (3m 2f, £8612,* good, Mar 19, 14 ran).
Earlier ELIOGARTY (12-10) was not fully extended to beat KING BA BA (12-10) 10l at Plumpton (3m 1f, £1738, good, Feb 16, 15 ran) a race in which ABERVANTER (12-0) was a 5th fence faller.
BORDER BURG (12-5) is better judged on penultimate outing when easily beating Dicky Blob (11-7) 4l at Leicester (3m, £2351, heavy, Mar 9, 5 ran).
FETHARD FRIEND (10-5) did not jump fluently latest start when 16¾l 4th to The Ellier (10-9) at Cheltenham (3m, £10456, good, Mar 17, 16 ran).
On most recent start KING BA BA (12-9) comfortably beat Drumlargan (12-9) 8l, with BINGE (12-9) unseating at the 2nd, at Plumpton (3m 1f, £1226, good to soft, Mar 17, 9 ran).
POYNTZ PASS (12-12) best judged on penultimate effort when 5¼l 3rd to Jack Of All Trades (12-0) at Doncaster (2m 4f, £926, good, Feb 28, 9 ran).
SELBOURNE RAMBLER (11-12) successful on seasonal debut when beating Drops O'Brandy (12-5) 4l, with ABERVANTER (11-12) 26½l back in 5th at Towcester (3m, £1028, soft, Mar 26, 18 ran).
Selection: BORDER BURG

4.20 SPORTING LIFE WEEKENDER HANDICAP CHASE (£6,409: 3m 1f: Mildmay course) (10 runners) — BBC 2

501	0012I0	GOLDEN FRIEND 15 (D,F,G,S) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-10	D Browne	91
502	33422P	VOICE OF PROGRESS 15 (F,G,S) (M Vestey) D Nicholson 9-11-9	R Dunwoody	89
504	20F-34P	CONTRADEAL 6 (BF,G,S) (V Barclay) F Walwyn 10-11-2	K Mooney	92
505	P13-1PP	ARCTIC BEAU 17 (CD,F,G,S) (P Venn) Miss J Thorne 9-11-0	P Scudamore	89
506	F/4PP1-0	GLYDE COURT 17 (D,G,S) (C Cronin) F Winter 10-10-13	Mr J Queally	87
507	031121	GAINSAY 15 (B,D,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-11 (6ex)	M Pitman	● 99
508	3-10F04	STRANDS OF GOLD 41 (G,S) (Independent Twine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10	M Dwyer	87
513	F-F411	THE BUILDER 9 (G,S) (Wm Cowan & Son Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-0 (3ex)	P Niven	91
514	113/111	BACKSTREET GUY 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Johnson) N Henderson 8-10-0	J White	88
515	F12113	SAM DA VINCI 88 (F,G,S) (J Wilson) J Blundell 8-10-0	M Brennan	77

BETTING: 7-2 Gainsay, 4-1 Backstreet Guy, 5-1 Golden Friend, 6-1 The Builder, Contradeal, 8-1 Voice Of Progress, 10-1 Glyde Court, 14-1 Sam Da Vinci, 16-1 others.

1986: ARCTIC BEAU 8-10-1 R Dunwoody (10-1) J Thorne 7 ran

FORM GOLDEN FRIEND (12-0) never got in a real blow but was far from disgraced when just over 11l 6th to The Thinker (12-0) in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham (3m 2f, £55500, good, Mar 19, 12 ran).
Previously (11-4) held on under strong driving to beat VOICE OF PROGRESS (11-4) ½l at Newbury (3m, £5117, soft, Feb 14, 6 ran).
ARCTIC BEAU won this race last year, best effort this season came on reappearance (11-2) when dead-heating with I HAVENTALIGHT (11-6) at Newbury (3m, £1962, good, Oct 24, 4 ran).
GLYDE COURT (11-0) best judged on final outing of last season when beating Pisnetman (11-4) ½l at Cheltenham (3m, £10183, good to soft, Mar 06, 20 ran).
GAINSAY (10-5) impressive when beating Simon *Legree (11-10) 20l, with* VOICE OF PROGRESS (11-0) pulled up, at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £17219, good, Mar 19, 12 ran).
THE BUILDER (11-3) completed a hat-trick with a 7l defeat of Kersil (10-0) at Kelso (3m, £2532, good to soft, Mar 25, 7 ran).
BACKSTREET GUY (10-3) overcame problems *in running to beat Perhaps Lucky (10-0) 1½l, with* CONTRADEAL (11-13) ¾l further back in a creditable 3rd at Sandown (3m, £3667, good, Mar 14, 8 ran). CONTRADEAL (11-0) subsequently disappointed when *pulled up behind Catch Phrase* (10-11) at Newbury (3m, £5628, heavy, Mar 28, 4 ran).
Selection: CONTRADEAL

4.50 BBC NORTH WEST NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,545: 2m 5f 110yd) (15 runners)

603	412P	COMANDANTE 17 (G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-7	E Murphy	86
604	11101	SIP OF ORANGE 21 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Hegge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6	M Dwyer	88
609	13130	*SMITH'S GAMBLE 17 (S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2*	*G Bradley*	87
611	11	BROWN WINDSOR 20 (F,G) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 5-10-10	M Bowlby (4)	96
612	121	CRUSADER'S STAR 22 (S) (R Darlington) Mrs W Sykes 6-10-10	S Morshead	94
613	241010	TARTAN TORCHLIGHT 21 (G,S) (Edinburgh Mill Ltd) G W Richards 7-10-10	P Tuck	94
614	112400	EROSTIN RULER 16 (F,G) (J Upson) T Casey 6-10-10	E Buckley (4)	97
615	22331	KING JACK 20 (G) (J Leat) N Henderson 4-10-9	S Smith Eccles	98
616	111130	MELENDEZ 20 (F,G,S) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-7		● 99
618	021P	MONTGOMERY 35 (S) (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 6-10-5	P Scudamore	95
619	012	SAGAX 13 (V,BF,F) (G Rickman) Miss S Hall 5-10-4	R Beggan	92
621	20-3221	VALE OF SECRECY 24 (F,S) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 6-10-3	C Grant	94
622	00/4210	*BANDALENT 13 (S) (Parrish Bros Ltd) D Gandolfo 6-10-2*	A Webb	92
623	2-0310	VIPSANIA 56 (S) (M Meade) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-2	Miss G Armytage (4)	92
627	010004	GALTERIO 11 (V,G,) (Mrs A Penney) A J Wilson 5-10-0	Mr S Cowley	89

BETTING: 5-1 King Jack, 6-1 Sip Of Orange, Commandante, 8-1 Smith's Gamble, Melendez, 10-1 Brown Windsor, 12-1 Montgomery, Tartan Torchlight, 14-1 Crusader's Star, Vale Of Secrecy, Sagax, 16-1 Vipsania, 20-1 others.

1986: *JIMSINTIME 5-10-8 C Jones (12-1) R Brazington 20 ran*

FORM SIP OF ORANGE (11-8) an easy 8l *winner from Silver Keys (10-10) at* Market Rasen (2m, £1637, good to soft, Mar 13, 9 ran).
BROWN WINDSOR (11-2) looked as though this trip would suit when a 1½l winner from Carograve (10-5) at Doncaster (2m 4f, £879, good to firm, Mar 14, 18 ran).
CRUSADER'S STAR (11-10) baffled on well to beat Chelsea Man 2½l (11-0) at Stratford (2m, £1926, soft, Mar 12, 16 ran).
KING JACK (10-11) was untroubled to beat Prasina *Mafia (10-10) 4l at Sandown (2m, £3480, good, Mar* 14, 19 ran) with MELENDEZ (11-5) 7th after a lay-off.
Earlier, MELENDEZ (11-0) won 7 races including (11-0) a 15l victory over Bantel Bushy (11-10) at Haydock (2m 4f, £1635, good to soft, Nov 20, 8 ran).
VALE OF SECRECY (11-2) did not have much to spare when a half length winner from Don't Ring Me *(10-11) at Warwick (2m 5f, £1309, soft, Mar 10, 24* ran).
Selection: MELENDEZ

5.20 CURRAGH BLOODSTOCK 'SUPREME' NH FLAT RACE (£,327: 2m) (18 runners)

21	31	QUINTANA 9 (D,S) (A F Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	R Fahey	—
22	1	*RUSTLE 34 (D,S) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 5-11-10*	*M Bowlby*	—
24	23	ALASKA RUN 20 (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-6	Mr J Osborne	—
26	03	FRENCH LOAN 33 (Mrs I Fielding) W Harney (Ire) 5-11-6	Mr M Barrett	—
29	*03*	*NICK THE BRIEF 20 (J Upson) T Casey 5-11-5*	Mr T Costello	—
210	2	SADDLERS NIGHT 34 (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	D Byrne	—
211	1	CHERRY CREST 21 (S) (Mrs J Lane) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-5	Mr C N Smith	—
212	1	*CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO 20 (D,G) (M Obersteen) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-4*	W O'Callaghan	—
213	1	ESHA NESS 20 (D,G) (Elisha Holding) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-4	S Selby	—
214	41	GALLANT BOY 53 (D,S) (Mrs J Harrington) Mrs J Harrington (Ire) 4-11-4	Mr J Fowler	—
216	1	ORATORIO 37 (D,F) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-11-4	Mr M Armytage	—
218	3	GAYE LE MOSS 52 (Mrs C Purcell) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-1	M Muggeridge	—
219	03	GOLDEN OATS 35 (Mrs V Park) J Charlton 5-11-1	Mr L Hudson	—
220	3	VELDA 32 (S Taberner) J Harris 5-11-1	Vicki Harris	—
221	2	ABBEY BRAVE 20 (Abbey Hosiery Mills Ltd) C Tietline 4-11-0	G Landau	—
222	3	ROYAL ATHLETE 34 (Quality Castings Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	J P Smith	—
223	1	BUCK A DORA 19 (D,S) (Lady Naylor-Leyland) D Swan (Ire) 4-10-13	Miss M Olivefalk	—
225	3	GRAYROSE DOUBLE 21 (Dr G Jones) E Owen Jun 4-10-9	D Skyrme	—

BETTING: 3-1 Gallant Boy, 4-1 Cherry Crest, 5-1 Saddlers Night, 6-1 Oratorio, 7-1 Chatanoogachoochoo, 8-1 Esha Ness, 10-1 Rustle, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM QUINTANA (11-3) 1½l winner over Arpal Blitz (10-9) at Kelso (2m, £743, good to soft, Mar 25, 19 ran).
RUSTLE (11-8) was an impressive 8l winner from *Assumption (10-5) at Kempton (2m, £709, soft, Feb* 28, 22 ran) with ROYAL ATHLETE (10-7) 6l 3rd, and NICK THE BRIEF (11-3) a well beaten 8th.
CHERRY CREST (10-10) ran out a 20l winner over Dromin Academy (11-4) at Carlisle (2m 1f 110y, £512, good to soft, Mar 13, 24 ran) with GRAYROSE DOUBLE (10-2) 5l 3rd.
CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO (10-7) beat Sand Key (11-11) 4l at Sandown (2m, £1375, Mar 1, 20 ran) with ALASKA RUN (11-1) ¾l 3rd.
ESHA NESS (10-7) ridden out to beat Border King (11-1) 3l at Sandown (2m, £1375, good, Mar 14, 21 ran).
GALLANT BOY (11-3) a 1½l winner from South Harves (11-3) at Leopardstown (2m, £1380, yielding, Feb 8, 25 ran).
ORATORIO (10-10) kept on well when a 3l winner over Powys Prince (10-7) at Catterick (2m, £775, good to firm, Feb 25, 22 ran).
BUCK A DORA (10-5) beat Black Jewel (10-12) 3l at Limerick (2m, £1036, heavy, Mar 14, 13 ran).
Selection: RUSTLE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Walwyn	7	25	28.0
Mrs J Pitman	5	23	21.7
M H Easterby	4	22	18.2
F Winter	4	28	14.3
G Richards	5	36	13.9
Only qualifiers			

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Beggan	3	9	33.3
A Mullins	3	10	30.0
R Dunwoody	3	11	27.3
S Smith Eccles	5	32	15.6
G McCourt	3	22	13.6
G Bradley	3	24	12.5

● Mel Brittain took his tally to four and became the leading Flat trainer when Common Farm landed the Auchinrath Apprentice Handicap at muddy Hamilton yesterday. Apprentice Andrew Bacon sent Common Farm ahead over three furlongs out and the combination forged clear of Ben's Birdie to win by four lengths. Bacon, aged 21, spent four years with Dick Hern before joining Brittain three years ago. This was his third winner.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Dewliner.
2.30 Vague Melody.
3.00 Kensington.
3.30 Homme D'Affaire.
4.00 Non Consiat.
4.30 Sunset Boulevard.
5.00 Easy Line.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 —
2.30 Vague Melody.
3.00 Halina.
3.30 PUBBY (nap).
4.00 —
4.30 Sunset Boulevard.
5.00 Easy Line.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 BATTLEAXE (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 HOMME D'AFFAIRE.

Going: soft **Draw: high numbers best**

2.0 POLYANTHUS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,000: 5f) (6 runners)

4	(2)	DEWLINER (P Pearce) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
6	(3)	GHOST TRAIN (Maverick Productions) I Balding 9-0	*T Ives*	—
8	(5)	JIM MCCRACKEN (G Steinberg) K Ivory 9-0	P Waldron	—
11	(6)	PERSIAN EMPEROR (Mrs C Painting) R Holmshead 9-0	—	—
13	(7)	TAPESTRY PRINTS (K Turner) *M Haynes 9-0*	C Rutter (3)	—
21	(4)	TRUVILLE MINT (Nationcrest Ltd) R Smyth 8-9	S Whitworth	—

BETTING: 11-8 Ghost Train, 3-1 Dewliner, 11-2 Jim McCracken, 6-1 Persian Emperor, 10-1 Tapestry Prints, 12-1 Turville Mint.

1985: ENCHANTED TIMES 9-0 Pat Eddery (9-2) C Horgan 9 ran

2.30 FLORENCE NAGLE GIRL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£1,746: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1	(5)	002010-	GAY CAPTAIN 195 (F,G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 5-9-12	Julie Bowker	94
2	(10)	000-001	QUIET RIOT 21 (F,S) (G Hart) D Hanley 5-9-7	Abigail Richards	97
3	(9)	404000-	ANDARTIS 181 (G) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 4-9-7	Julie Pyne (5)	97
4	(8)	000920-	PICTOGRAPH 148 (F,G,S) (Lady Dunphie) I Balding 5-8-13	Paula Carey (5)	86
5	(2)	00324-3	RIVART 8 (B,BF) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 4-8-12	Gay Kelleway	● 99
7	(6)	412300-	VAGUE MELODY 166 (D,F,G) (A Simmons) L Piggott 5-8-11	Wendy Carter	88
8	(4)	003/000-	ROCASAY BLUE 221 (F) (D Glayzer) R Champion 6-8-10	Vicky Garner (5)	89
12	(1)	0/20000-	SAALIB 151 (S Sharp) J Dawes 4-7-13	Jackie Houston (5)	81
14	(7)	120000/	OPEN ALL HOURS 578 (S) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 5-7-7	Janice Coyle (5)	—
15	(11)	0000-0	*LOCHMAR 4 (S Howe) G Balding 4-7-7*	*Jenny Edworthy (5)*	98
17	(3)	213000-	SPARKFORD LAD 172 (B,S) (A Wheatley) D Elsworth 5-7-7	Debbie Wheatley	90

BETTING: 4-1 Rivart, 9-2 Quiet Riot, Vague Melody, 5-1 Andarns, 11-2 Pictograph, 6-1 Gay Captain, 8-1 Sparkford Lad, *10-1 Saalib, 12-1 others.*

1986: No corresponding race

3.0 MAGNOLIA STAKES (£3,902: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(2)	210220-	HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN 113 (D,F,G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-9-5	W Carson	● 99
3	(4)	20/0	HIGHFIRE 6 (G Monahan) O O'Neill 5-8-10	R Fox	—
6	(10)	000100/	KELRO 637 (D,F) (J Swaine) *D Murray-Smith 5-8-10*	R Wernham	—
7	(1)	212210-	KENSINGTON 229 (J Gispert) G Balding 5-8-10	J Reid	—
8	(5)		LEXDAELA (A Richards) C Austin 4-8-10	T Williams	—
12	(12)	014100-	RANA PRATAP 146 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Thornberry) G Lewis 7-8-10	*G Starkey*	92
13	(8)	01/0160-	RAYON VERT 391 (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-8-10	S Whitworth	—
14	(9)	00030-2	RESOURCEFUL FALCON 8 (F,G,S) (R Monk) P Makin 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	92
15	(6)	0-	*SEA BARN 270 (Mrs N Coombe) R Hodges 4-8-10*	M Fry	—
16	(11)	030300-	SHARP KING 161 (Royston Racing Club) A Jarvis 4-8-10	D Nicholls	—
17	(3)	00-	STARLIGHT FREDDIE 234 (Mrs M Stewart) K Brassey 4-8-10	N Adams	—
18	(7)	3/21342-	*HALINA 221 (M Osterman) John FitzGerald 4-8-7*	R Hills	90

BETTING: 3-1 Highland Chieftain, 7-2 Halina, 4-1 Resourceful Falcon, 5-1 Rana Pratap, 7-1 Rayon Vert, 10-1 Kelro, Kensington, 12-1 Sharp King, 14-1 others.

1986: No Corresponding race

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
R Williams	7	29	24.1
P Cole	14	66	20.5
J Winter	9	47	19.1
D Elsworth	9	71	12.6
I Balding	7	57	12.2
R Armstrong	6	73	8.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Quinn	12	52	23.0
S Cauthen	31	141	21.9
W R Swinburn	17	80	21.2
Pat Eddery	24	123	19.5
G Starkey	17	93	18.2
T Ives	9	53

RACING: EMOTIONAL FAREWELL FOR ONE OF JUMPING'S GREATS

Wayward Lad bows out on a high note

By Michael Seely

Graham McCourt, jocked off Stearsby by Terry Ramsden, returned to a hero's welcome after gaining an emotional triumph on Wayward Lad in the Whitbread Gold Label Cup Chase at Liverpool yesterday. The international financier's plan certainly misfired as Graham Bradley could only take fifth place on Stearsby, the 5-2 favourite.

Wayward Lad's decisive victory over Simon Legree and Cybrandian will become a milestone in steeplechasing history, as immediately afterwards Monica Dickinson announced the retirement of her record breaking 12-year-old. "He'll be 13 next year," said the trainer, "and we couldn't finish on a better note than that. I'd hate to see him wind up by running in point-to-points."

Once again Wayward Lad showed that remarkable burst of finishing speed that has now carried him to victory in 29 races worth over £219,000. Only Dawn Run has surpassed that total if the late and great mare's French earnings are taken into account. He is also the only horse to have collected three King George VII Chases.

Let McCourt tell the story of his third victory from four mounts for the redoubtable Mrs Dickinson. "Remembering what happened against Beau Ranger in this race last year, Graham Bradley told me to lie close to the pace. He's a unique horse and I only wish I'd ridden him when he was in his prime."

Bradley responded to the occasion by embracing the trainer in the unsaddling enclosure. "Graham had been promised the mount on Stearsby in the Irish National," said Mrs Dickinson. "So when Wayward Lad was a doubtful runner here, I had no option but to let the jockey go."

Jenny Pitman offered no excuses for Stearsby. "I don't think much of that," said the trainer, turning away in disgust afterwards.

Remarkably, the rain stayed away and a marvellous afternoon's racing took place in fine weather. Class had earlier been triumphant in the first race of the day when Peter Scudamore had ridden Convinced to an authoritative win over Hill's Pageant and Ranelagh in the Whitbread Best Scotch Novices' Hurdle. This victory gave the jockey his 95th and Martin Pipe, the winning trainer, his 73rd success of the campaign.

Now undefeated in three races over hurdles, Convinced is without doubt the season's top novice. Tartan Tailor, who finished fourth yesterday, and Hill's Pageant, the runner-up, had occupied first and second places in the Waterford Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Ladbrokes are only prepared to offer 10-1 against the impressive winner for the 1988 Champion Hurdle. "He's a good horse, all right," said Pipe, "but I might give him another run over hurdles and a couple of races on the Flat before thinking of the future." The talented Somerset trainer now looks all set to pass his last season's total of 80 winners under National Hunt rules.

The Whitbread Trophy, the only race run over the National fences, resulted in an exhilarating win for Strath Leader as Tom Morgan brought the top weight home six lengths clear of Fortina's Express.

Thirteen of the 16 starters completed the course. Course Hunter was up with the leaders when he fell at the fence after Valentine's Brook. Short Rate refused at the seventh jump and Tacroy came to grief at the last.



Going out in style: Wayward Lad and Graham McCourt jump into the lead at the final fence in the Whitbread Gold Label Cup Chase at Liverpool yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

RUGBY UNION

Craftsman prop masters age-old art of survival

By Mick Cleary



Pearce: equalling a record

Being a prop can be a hard life. Not only are there the thwacks and thumps of the opposition to survive, you also have to live with the public's image of the type — an ugly, dumpy, cauliflower-eared psychopath.

Not for him the ovations reserved for the well-preened prima donnas outside; the balding, beer-bellied bullies of the front-row get naught but abuse, scorn and blame for anything untoward that might happen.

Gary Pearce, the England tight-head, has put up with it all for longer than most. The Calcutta Cup on April 4 will bring his 31st cap, equalling Fran Cotton's England record for a prop forward. Such a milestone was a long way from his mind on his debut eight years ago, against "Mighty Mouse" McLauchlan, of Scotland.

"I didn't even know who the England players were. I didn't follow rugby. I just played it because it was a good game. My first international was the first one I'd ever been to. I felt like asking Billy Beaumont behind me for his autograph."

Pearce, then a raw 22-year-old, had been plucked from the obscurity of Aylesbury RFC a year before. He had so impressed when making up the numbers at an England practice session at Bisham Abbey he was asked to join Northampton. Nine months later he got the call.

"Not bad for a secondary modern kid," he said with a chuckle. This modest, mild-mannered man certainly belies the rough-house stereotype. He took no pride in being part of the sordid shenanigans in Cardiff a fortnight ago.

"Believe me, none of us did. No player ever wants a game to turn out like that and that's perhaps something the public aren't aware of. We didn't go there looking for a fight. It just worked out that way.

"After the match the pressure was on the RFU to do something and they did. I was surprised at the number of suspensions, although I accept that they've been bold and shown their deep concern for the image of the game."

Apart from the obligatory deformed ear (it needed plastic surgery at Stoke Mandeville a few years back after a spot of bother one Saturday afternoon), Peace bears few marks to suggest that he has mixed it with the best in the front line for nigh on 10 years. His choirboy record of no sendings-off in that period does not mean that he has not had to stick up for himself on occasions.

"The argy-bargy is sometimes no more than just that — a bit of pushing and shoving which soon dies down. Other guys can be more vicious though — gouging your eyes or sending a fist through from the second row. It seems trite to say so but, yes, if the referee doesn't sort it out, then you have to." In essence, however, Pearce is very much a genuinely hard man rather than a malicious hit-man; thus, he was understandably miffed by the cover photograph on this month's Rugby World and Post which shows him walking suspiciously away from a prostrate Steve Sutton (the Welsh lock), looking for all the world as if he had just knocked the living daylights out of him.

That is just not his style: He is not a thug, rather a craftsman plying his trade. The subtlety of life in those nether regions of the front row escapes all but the most trained of observers. Yet it is an area full of ploys and strategies, devious or otherwise.

"Every opponent is different," Pearce says. "Just because you find someone difficult doesn't mean a lesser player will. You react to the body shape against you. Sometimes that makes it easy; other times not.

"In theory the scrummage is straightforward. On your ball you stay rock solid; on their ball you disrupt by whatever means — wheeling, dipping, driving or even, as I did last Saturday against Sale, by putting your hand over their hooker's so that he can't signal to the scrum half. It was a bit naughty and Andy Simpson quite rightly gave my ear a bit of a nibble."

Pearce makes it all sound rather chummy and affectionate, but to have survived as long as he has at the top level makes enormous demands on a man's strength of character and of body. To put his achievement into perspective, during his tenure as the No. 1 tight-head prop, England have experimented with no fewer than nine loose-heads.

He is the only player ever to have been on five England tours — to the Far East, Argentina, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. That is a lot of new people met and friends made, although recognition of faces is not one of his strong points.

As his wife, Sue, recalls: "After the birth of our second son, Matthew, Gary made his way down from the observation gallery into the ward. He leaned over a bed for a couple of minutes whispering soothing, loving words, saying how pale and tired I looked. Then he noticed a frantic waving from the bed opposite. It was me. He'd got the wrong woman." Let us hope he has less trouble recognizing his new front row colleagues next week.

Richards dreams of title

By Alan Lee

Gordon Richards, who despatches a conveyor belt of winners from his Cumbrian outpost, was last night dreaming of being champion trainer at last — a measure of the growing confidence behind his Grand National candidate Dark Ivy.

Richards is a shrewd man not given to boasts or bravado but there was no mistaking his belief in the classy grey who, according to bookmakers, could even usurp West Tip as favourite before the big race.

With the official going already soft, and more rain forecast, connections of several National fancies wore worried frowns at Aintree yesterday. Richards was in the smiling minority. "He might not want it too heavy, because he has a touch of speed and will be looking to use it," explained the trainer. "But he will handle the soft far better than some of the others."

Richards is a renowned master at producing Aintree horses, having already won the race twice in the past decade with Lucius and Hallo Dandy. And he has no doubt that Dark Ivy is the pick of them all. Furthermore, he sees the race as a route to an ambition.

"If he wins he will probably make me champion trainer. I've never done it before and it does niggle me a bit to keep missing out to all these youngsters."

Dark Ivy is now 7-1 with Ladbrokes whose spokesman Mike Dillon said: "He will be vying for favouritism on the day. The professionals backed him first but the public have caught on and some will back him simply because he is a grey."

There has been a substantial gamble on Irish outsider Monanore, who finished eighth last year. Tom Morgan's mount is in from 66-1 to 25-1. In all, bookmakers expect to break the £25 million barrier on the race and the housewives' money looks sure to go on Brown Veil, ridden by Gee Armytage.

Those wanting to back The Thinker were still in a quandary last night, however, as trainer Arthur Stephenson kept his promise to delay a decision on the Gold Cup winner's participation until the last available minute.

Stephenson, while happy with the way The Thinker has recovered from his Cheltenham exertions, refuses to commit himself until having a last check on his well-being this morning.

Jockey Ridley Lamb is sympathetic to the dilemma and sounded none too convinced about the wisdom of running. He insisted: "It is entirely Mr Stephenson's decision but I know he will put all other factors out of his mind and do what is best for the horse.

"It's true we may never get in the race so well handicapped again, it's also true that it does not look a great National. Even the ground is coming right for us but that can hardly be considered. The horse must come first."

One jockey not perturbed by anything yesterday was Richard Dunwoody. Despite widespread consternation that his chances of a National double on West Tip could be sabotaged by heavy ground, Dunwoody showed no signs of anxiety.

"I have walked the course and it is the good side of soft," he said. "It is perfect for my horse at the moment. He'd only be worried by real extremes of going."

Former top jockey Jeff King is now assured of his first National runner as a trainer. Spartan Orient gets into the race now that Bob Champion has decided Cranlome will not run. Luke Harvey will have the ride on King's novice.

Confident Tuck primed for jump racing's ultimate test

Phil Tuck, that quiet, unassuming but highly talented jump jockey, is looking forward to tomorrow's Grand National in the hope that Dark Ivy will bring him the win he covets most of all.

In 1985 Tuck, riding Mr Snugfit, finished second in the race, beaten on the run-in by Last Suspect. Last year he was fourth on the same horse, coming from a long way behind. Surprisingly, he was more pleased about the latter result.

"Being beaten on the line two years ago was heart-breaking," he explained. "But it was great to come from so far back last year and finish in the frame."

Tuck believes Dark Ivy "has a bit of class". He said: "I'm looking forward to riding him. He's won nine races in Ireland and three over here. He backed up at Ayr last time against The Divider and Durham Edition and was never off the bridle. He has 10 stone in the National which I reckon is spot on."

Although his family had no racing background, Tuck's connection with horses goes back a long way. "I always wanted to be a jockey," he said. "During the summer holidays when I was a lad I used to take a packed lunch down to the local riding school and help out with the horses there. I never wanted to do anything else."

He joined Walter Wharton's stable when he left school, and had his first ride under Rules in 1975. He moved on to Jimmy Harris, then Mick Easterby, before embarking on his highly profitable partnership with Gordon Richards at Greystoke last August.

"I'm delighted with the set-up," Tuck said. "Mr Richards has so many nice horses and even at this stage of the season he still has about 50 in training. We get on well — he's done it all himself so he knows what goes on in a race."

The respect is clearly mutual. Richards said: "I'm very happy with Phil. He's as good as any jockey in the country."

Early in the season the new partnership hit the headlines when Tuck equalled Johnny Gilbert's record of 10 consecutive winners. He was typically modest about it: "I didn't even know about the record until I was at Southwell and reached nine," he confessed.

The tenth winner came on Doronicum, and later Easter Brig started favourite to give Tuck the overall record, but it was not to be. "To be honest, I was a bit too keen," he said. "I probably went too fast in the early stages."

Tuck rode Tartan Tailor to win the opening race of the Cheltenham Festival but after that things went somewhat awry. "I came back from the first race with a bad attack of asthma," he said. "I had to have a cortisone injection and give up my next ride. It's my own fault entirely — I should give up smoking."

Music Be Magic started favourite in the Grand Annual Chase, but finished a disappointing fifth. Little Bay fell in the Queen Mother Champion Chase, and The Langholm Dyer and Jim Thorpe both ran below expectations. However, Tuck's biggest disappointment came amid the snow and confusion of the Gold Cup.

"I thought the stewards handled the whole thing very well," he said. "They had a difficult decision to make and I'm glad I didn't have to make it. The only pity was that we got down to the start and then had to come back again. It unsettled some of the horses.

"I felt that Earls Brig had a good each-way chance," he went on. "When we were down at the start the first time he really wanted to go. But after the interruption he sulked and never took hold of the bridle." Tuck pulled the horse up at the thirteenth fence.

Things were vastly different in the 1984 Gold Cup when Tuck and Burrough Hill Lad stormed up the hill to beat John Francome and Brown Chamberlin. "That was obviously one of the highlights of my career along with equalling the record. But I also feel I've passed a milestone every time I reach another 100 winners."

A few months after Burrough Hill Lad had helped him to his greatest triumph, Tuck was jocked off the horse. Despite bitter disappointment, he has remained diplomatic and discreet about the episode. Even now, all he will say on the matter is: "If you ride a horse to win the Gold Cup you expect to keep the ride. It hurt my pride more than anything."

Tuck is currently enjoying his best season but he is 30 now, an age where most jump jockeys are beginning to plan a future away from race-riding. "I've been lucky with injuries," he said. "And I reckon I've got four or five more years riding. But one thing is certain — I'll decide myself when to pack up."

He would like to train and he and his wife, Maria, an experienced horsewoman in her own right, are hoping to start a livery yard soon. "I want to learn about the responsibility of looking after horses," Tuck said.

At the moment, however, this pleasant Yorkshireman is concentrating on his favourite race. "I love Cheltenham but for me the National is special — it's the ultimate test of horse and rider. I've always said I'd win it one day."



Phil Tuck: believes Dark Ivy has the necessary class

John Dorman

Dark Ivy pick of handicap

By Gerald Hubbard
(Compiler of The Times Private Handicap)

The official handicapper treats the Grand National as a one-off when assessing the entries and it usually pays punters to follow suit. Those with proven ability to handle the course often make a mockery of their Park course rating. The compression of the weights in this year's National, brought about by the entry of Burrough Hill Lad, favours those in the top half of the handicap.

Dark Ivy is very well handicapped on the evidence of a 25-length victory in a handicap at Ayr last time out. He stays four miles yet has the pace to lay up in a strongly-run race and has useful form over 2½ miles.

The Thinker had 4¼ lengths in hand of West Tip at Cheltenham in a slightly sub-standard Gold Cup but Aintree is West Tip's course and he was a comfortable winner 12 months ago. However, he fell the year before and he is not value at his current price.

The Thinker, like West Tip, is clear of the field (Dark Ivy excepted) in rating terms, and represents class on a reasonable weight. He would have won more easily at Cheltenham but for a mistake three out. However any comparable error will end his chance at Aintree.

The Tsarevich is relatively well treated and can handle Aintree, but he is liable to run out of stamina. The same applies to Classified.

Corbiere, Lean Ar Aghaidh and The Ellier have each-way prospects. Smiths Man, Glenrue and Run To Me have proven ability over the course but Monanore appeals as the liveliest outsider.

To sum up, though, Dark Ivy is the most attractively weighted runner and should win provided his jumping does not let him down.

We must learn to handle with flair

By Gerald Davies

"Rugby is a matter of passing, not press-ups," Claude Davey, the legendary Welsh centre three-quarter, said over the afternoon meal. By the time the sun had gone down on Wednesday, the New Zealand Barbarians had given a lavish show of the passing game.

The boys from down under will have done their share of press-ups, as it were, but by which time, and appreciating the eternal verities better than we in this country do, passing and handling the ball would have been mastered long before. A measure of tests and fitness work has been pursued in this country in an attempt to find parity with what is assumed to go on in the southern hemisphere. Fitness, though essential, will not make a player a better passer of the ball. Fitness delays the moments of stress which provides a longer period for the player to show off his talent. But the talent has to be there in the first place. The truth is the best teams handle the ball better.

In all the abundant possession the New Zealanders won in demolishing the Barbarians midweek, and the profusion and variety of their attacks, hardly anybody mishandled. A fortnight ago, Scotland, with great vivacity, demoralized a cumbersome Welsh team, a team drawn from a club style of rugby which, ominously, is incapable of change. It is rigidly immovable, looking increasingly sterile. Had the Scottish team handled as effectively as the New Zealand Barbarians did in crucial moments, they would surely have demolished Wales by a score of embarrassing proportions.

Welsh club coaches, of a relatively tender age, might have learned a thing or two from talking to Davey as they would if they were to rub shoulders with Harry Bowcott, another famous player of Davey's vintage. Both played prominent roles in Wales's first victory at Twickenham against England, in 1933, and both are full of genial wisdom.

Late one night in Edinburgh recently, Bowcott, puffing at his pipe raised two points which puzzled him. His queries were directed at the current crop of coaches in Wales. Both points had to do with technique, which coaches boast they can do something about. "The object of the player running with a ball," he said, "is, when the time arrives, to put the man in support into space. Welsh players are intent on committing a man physically to the tackle. There is a misguided belief in Wales, at whatever level, that it is important to commit the opposition to the actual tackle. Not only does this account for the vast number of rucks and mauls but, used so indiscriminately as it is at the moment, it is rank bad play."

"The opposition can be committed to making the tackle several yards away and an early pass at that stage effectively takes him out of the movement without contact having been made. Play remains fluid.

"The second point, and it is allied to the first, is that the players running in support are consistently too flat in their position. If the man with the ball is stopped, there is a delay, so that his side can easily overrun him. A man is not in a good position to support unless he can see fully and clearly the number on the jersey of the man in front with the ball. Coming from a deep position gives the player time to be aware of what is in front of him and the space to continue the movement at speed."

The Welsh team trained on Monday, they did so again on Wednesday afternoon and they will have a final stint this morning. The time would be better spent, I fancy, sitting down in a comfortable armchair enjoying the action replays of the New Zealand Barbarians' performance on Wednesday. Some will say it was exhibition stuff. Others will say, it was a below-par Barbarian team. Excuses will abound. But it is only a fool who would ignore the clarity of their distinguished performance.

A painful lesson to absorb

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

It did not require a record number of points scored against the Barbarians at Cardiff on Wednesday to point up the disparity between British rugby and that of the southern hemisphere. Nevertheless, the New Zealand Barbarians, with their 68-16 win, knocked away another leg from the crumbling structure of complacency which has dogged English and Welsh rugby for so long.

Certainly the Barbarian XV fielded at Cardiff was not the optimum team but it was not short of experience; nor were the New Zealanders the best their country can put in the field.

Yet they romped around with a speed, a finesse and, dare one say it, a freedom from inhibitions which is seen all too rarely in the upper echelons of the British game.

David Kirk, their delightfully mature captain, emphasized how much his men had enjoyed their tour. "When we go back it will be to the stultifying ... serious ... intense ... atmosphere of international rugby. So it has been a pleasure to do our own thing on this tour and I would like to say to British players, you have the ability, all you need is the confidence to use it."

The opposition the New Zealanders have met in their five matches — in the course of which they scored 39 tries — was not out of the top drawer. Yet they rammed home the same message concerning 15-man rugby, which the Scots have recognized.

Phil May, of Llanelli, captain of the British Barbarians for the night, in a sincere thank you to the touring party, expressed the hope that it would not be 10 years before Wales were playing in a similar manner.

There are hopes of a reciprocal visit by the Barbarians. In 1990 they celebrate their centenary and, in the same year, New Zealand celebrate 150 years of nationhood.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Liverpool

Going: soft

2.0 WHITBREAD BEST SCOTCH NOVICE HURDLE (£6,354: 2m 6f)

CONVINCED b h by Busted — Affernative (B Shrubsall) 5-11-0 P Scudamore (100-30 fav) 1
Hill's Pageant b g by Welsh Pageant — Reita (L Thwaites) 8-11-0 K Mooney (13-2) 2
Ranelagh b c by Relkino — Countess Walewski (Mrs J Hislop) 4-10-6 R Dunwoody (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Positive (6th), 9 Very Special, 10 Tartan Tailor (4th), 11 Swimmer, 14 The A Train, Albert Hall, 25 Royal Cracker (5th), Stay On Tracks, 40 Ship Of State, 50 Windbound Lass, 200 Cuddy Dale (f). 14 ran. 3l, 2½l, 6l, 5l, 7l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote win £3.80; Places: £1.80, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £9.50. CSF: £21.65.

2.40 WHITBREAD GOLD LABEL CUP CHASE (£10,762: 3m 1f)

WAYWARD LAD br g by Royal Highway — Loughanmore (Mrs S Thewles) 12-11-3 G McCourt (7-1) 1
Simon Legree ch g by Master Owen — Slave Light (Mrs S Embiricos) 10-11-5 R Rowe (11-1) 2
Cybrandian b g by Prince Regent — Lavenham Rose (I Bray) 9-11-5 C Grant (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Stearsby (5th), 3 Bolands Cross (4th), 8 Galway Blaze (pu), 6 ran. 7l, 5l, 10l, 5l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote win: £6.80; Places: £2.80, £3.10. DF: £23.30. CSF: £57.57. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.10 WHITBREAD PALE ALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£6,070: 2m 5f 110yd)

MANDAVI b g by Mandalus — Kimin (Mrs K Anderson) 7-10-4 M Bowlby (12-1) 1
Tinsely Star b g by Farsway Times — Star Pearl (B Smyth) 6-10-12 M Pyman (12-1) 2
Newtar br g by Dominion Day — Star Strip (S Tindall) 8-10-4 G Landau (14-1) 3
Cats Eyes b g by Sparkler — La Chat (T Chandler) 7-11-10 P Scudamore (12-1) 4

ALSO RAN: 8 fav Jimsumdame (5th), 12 Comedy Fair, Seagram, Emo Forever (6th), 14 Singlecote, Bluff Cove, Celtic Time, 16 Bel Course, Kristenson (f), 20 Master Cone (pu), 22 Observer Corps, 25 Down Flight, 33 Battlefield Band Wrenny Burn, 50 Smart In Black, 100 Hot Handed. 20 ran. NR: Merry Jane. 4l, 2l, nk, 4l, 5l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote win £9.10; Places: £1.90, £2.30, £2.50, £2.80. DF: £32.20. CSF: £120.19. Tricast: £1,563.08.

3.45 WHITBREAD TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£9,546: 2m 6f)

STRATH LEADER ch g by Harwell — Vulvema (Mrs C Fairbairn) 9-11-10 T Morgan (12-1) 1
Fortina's Express br g by Shackleton — Fotette (P Pillar) 13-10-0 C Grant (12-1) 2
Pan Arctic b g by Pitpan — Arctic Sue (Mrs R Bill) 8-10-7 P Scudamore (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Rouspeter, 8 Bright Oassis (ur), 10 Centre Attraction (pu), Landing Board (6th), Royal Jet, 11 Course Hunter (f), 12 Manna Reef (4th), 16 Tacroy (f), 20 Short Rate (ref), 25 Uncle Max, 33 Cranlome (5th), 66 Doubleuagain (pu). 15 ran. NR: Aboushabon. 6l, 3l, 12l, 1½l, hd, J Edwards at Ross on Wye. Tote win: £17.50; Places: £3.80, £2.40, £3.10. DF: £126.40. CSF: £125.31. Tricast: £1,219.83.

4.20 WHITBREAD BEST MILD NOVICE CHASE (£5,881: 3m 1f)

AGAINST THE GRAIN b g by Oats — Bench Game (J Mawle) 6-11-3 R Dunwoody (6-1) 1
Dixton House b g by Cantab — Bird Of Honour (P Hill) 7-11-3 T Morgan (33-1) 2
Playschool b g by Mulata — Min Tide (R Cottle) 9-11-9 P Nicholls (3-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5 Summons, 11-2 Master Bob (f), 8 Davinier (f), 12 King's College Boy, Star Of Screen, 14 Raise An Argument (4th), 20 Bagan Sunshine (5th), 33 Whats What (6th), 50 Bird Of Spirit (ur), Torymore Green (pu). 13 ran. 1¼l, 15l, 8l, 7l, 8l. D Nicholson at Stow on the Wold. Tote win: £9.30; Places: £2.20, £7.50, £1.50. DF: £299.00. CSF: £190.06.

4.50 CHESTERS HANDICAP CHASE (£5,111: 2m 4f)

GEE-A br g by Arpeho — Arctic Daisy (G Hubbard) 6-10-8 Miss G Armytage (13-2) 1
Karenomore b g by Karabas — Laomar (Lt-Col R Warden) 9-11-3 L Wyer (10-1) 2
Gambridge Jupiter b g by Jupiter Pluvius — Some Ana (A Carver) 9-10-0 J Bryan (22-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3 fav Joint Sovereignty (4th), 11-2 French Union, 9 Travelowen (pu), 11 Roadster, 12 Carved Opal, W Six Times (pu), 20 Doronicum (6th), Polars Laddie (f), 33 Impany, Dutch Lord (5th), 13 ran. 1½l, 8l, 4l, 10l, 10l. G Hubbard at Woodbridge. Tote win: £7.30; Places: £1.90, £2.70, £4.80. DF: £25.30. CSF: £61.47. Tricast: £1,201.73.

Jackpot: not won. Placepot: £1,013.65.

Hamilton Park

Going: heavy

2.15 (1m 3f) 1. COMMON FARM (A Bacon, 8-1); 2. Ben's Birdie (M Richardson, 5-1 fav); 3. Oriental Express (J Carr, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-favs Seclusive, Topsoil (6th), Mr Gardiner (5th), 6 Turn 'em Back Jack, 7 Flying Flynn, 20 Natchakam, Dime And A Dollar, Hitchenstown (4th). 11 ran. NR: Fourth Tudor, Justthewayyouare. 4l, 2½l, 4l, nk, 7l. M Britain at Warthill. Tote: £7.90; £2.60, £2.50, £3.30. DF: £6.50. CSF: £48.26. Tricast: £337.63.

2.45 (1m 1f) 1. HOPPING AROUND (J Blenkiron, 7-2 fav); 2. Virajendra (M Hindley, 5-1); 3. Damart (G Duffield, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Que Pasa, 9-2 O'Connell Street (5th), 8 Swift Challenger, 16 Ripster (6th), 33 Park Mill (4th). 8 ran. 11½l, 5l, 8l, 10l, 15l. C Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £16.50. CSF: £19.81.

3.45 (1m 40yd) 1. BANTEL BLAZER (J Quinn, 9-2); 2. Garda's Gold (A Bacon, 8-1); 3. Kind Lady (K Darley, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-favs U-Box Copy, Carse Kelly, 8 All A Dream, Sapphanno (5th), 10 Rhapsody In Black (6th), 16 Creole Bay, 20 Jelly Jill, 25 Tuesday Evening (4th). 11 ran. nk, 12l, 2l, 3l, 3l. Miss M Bell at Hawick. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £4.70, £1.40. DF: £47.50. CSF: £39.58. Tricast: £263.20. Winner bought in for 2,600gns.

3.45 (5f) 1. ONE LINER (G Duffield, 5-4 fav); 2. Dark Majesty (J Carroll, 7-2); 3. Pay Dirt (K Hodgson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Almoora Boye (4th), 14 Howards Lad, 16 Gwynnas (6th), Take Effect (5th), 25 Callace. 8 ran. 4l, 6l, 1½l, 20l, 3l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.50, £3.70. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.37.

4.15 (5f) 1. SHARP PIP (J H Brown, 5-1); 2. Festive Fling (L Charnock, 11-1); 3. Mister Mac (Kim Tinkler, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Defence Call (5th), 5 Mottram's Gold, 8 Vagog (4th), 20 Oui Mame (5th). 7 ran. ½l, 2½l, nk, 4l, 2½l. R Stubbs at Middleham. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £32.78.

4.45 (6f) 1. BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (R Carter, 7-2 fav); 2. The Stamp Dealer (S P Griffiths, 16-1); 3. Shaaoosies (T Sprake, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Music Review (4th), 10 Hidden Gift, Cool Enough, Cuimnaue (5th), 12 Dualtiar King, Galway Radial, Shy Mistress (6th), Aptrodisiac. 11 ran. 2l, 1½l, 6l, 2l, ½l. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £9.80, £1.40. DF: £63.90. CSF: £50.86. Tricast: £233.85. Placepot: £24.60

There is a safety limit of 40 runners. If more than 40 are declared at the final declaration stage today, then the necessary numbers of horses will be eliminated from the bottom of the handicap.

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Grand National probables

1	BEWLEY'S HILL	Mr D Stroud
2	VALENCIO	R Rowell
3	WEST TIP	R Dunwoody
4	THE THINKER	R Lamb
5	MAORI VENTURE	S Knight
6	PLUNDERING	P Scudamore
7	CORBIERE	B de Haan
8	DRUMLARGAN	Mr G Wragg
9	ATTITUDE ADJUSTER	N Madden
10	THE TSAREVICH	J Wade
11	INSURE	Mr C Brooks
12	CLASSIFIED	S Smith Eccles
13	GLENRUE	B Powell
14	SMITH'S MAN	M Perrett
15	DARK IVY	P Tuck
16	MONANORE	T Morgan
17	DALTMORE	A Mullins
18	SMARTSIDE	P Gill
19	THE ELLIER	M Dwyer
20	RUN TO ME	Mr T Mitchell
21	LEAN AR AGHAIDH	G Landau
22	HI HARRY	M Flynn
23	TRACYS SPECIAL	S McNeill
24	FREEBEN FUR	A Stringer
25	YOU'RE WELCOME	Peter Hobbs
26	MARCOLO	P Leach
27	BROWN TRIX	Mr D Pitcher
28	WHY FORGET	C Grant
29	BRIGHT DREAM	R Rowe
30	LITTLE POLVEIR	C Brown
31	NORTHERN BAY	R Crank
32	QUICK TRIP	DOUBTFUL
33	BIG BROWN BEAR	R Stronge
34	GALA PRINCE	—
35	EAMONS OWEN	Jacqui Oliver
36	BROWN VEIL	Miss G Armytage
37	LUCKY REW	C Mann
38	CRANLOME	DOUBTFUL
39	LE BAMBINO	C Warren
40	BRIT	A Jones
41	SPARTAN ORIENT	L Harvey
42	SUNLIT RIVER	—
43	COLONEL CHRISTY	R Chapman
44	LENEY DUAL	—
45	MR BAKER	—
46	HILL OF SLANE	T Jarvis
47	DOUBLEUAGAIN	DOUBTFUL

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Women ready for maiden international

The first women's rugby international between Wales and England will be played at Pontypool Park on Sunday (David Hands writes). Nine of those who took part in the game at Richmond last season, when Great Britain lost 14-8 to France, reappear, seven for England and two for Wales.

While the Women's Rugby Union in England has received encouragement from the Rugby Football Union, their Welsh counterparts are still seeking a degree of official recognition.

Several of Sunday's players, however, have distinguished pedigrees: Sally Treadwell's father, Bill, played for England, as did Rhian Morgan's father, Derek, who was also chairman of the England selectors. Rebecca Wyatt's brother, Mark, is the Wales full back.

WALES: R Morgan (Swansea Univ); F Paw (Swansea Univ), E Davies (Magor), S Lovell (Magor), R Wyatt (Pontypool); A Bennett (Loughborough Univ), S Williams (South Glamorgan Institute); E Skiffington (Swansea Univ), M-A Harvey (SGI), B Davies (Wasps), H Cary (Swansea Uplands), M Farr (Blaenau Gwent), F Margerison (Pontypool), J Rosser (Magor), L Burgess (Loughborough Univ, captain).

ENGLAND: C Willetts (Loughborough Univ); P Atkinson (Loughborough Univ), S Robson (Loughborough Univ), C Gisemey (Loughborough), D MacLaran (Richmond); K Almond (Wasps), S Hill (Wasps); J Pawley (Richmond), N Ponsford (Loughborough Univ), J Watts (Richmond), S Cockerell (Loughborough Univ), E Whalley (Leeds Univ), T King (Exeter Univ), C Isherwood (Wasps, captain), S Treadwell (Wasps).

Referee: M Allen (Abertillery).

Preston Grasshoppers host renamed festival

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

The only thing that will be different at Preston Grasshoppers, when the Schools Festival kicks off today will be the name. The Festival, sponsored by Procontech and Guy's Eating Establishments, is now "The International Schools Annual Rugby Festival". One can assume that the warm hospitality, the excellence of the organization and the high quality of play will not have altered.

Only two schools, West Park and St Brendan's, have won the tournament twice since it was inaugurated in 1979, the brainchild of the two Richards, Greenwood, the former England captain and coach, and Eastwood, of the Hoppers' club. The proliferation of seven-a-side tournaments led them to envisage a 15-a-side festival, which they hoped would comprise the best of both worlds.

If the dreaded Preston mud is not unleashed by the weather, I have no doubt that some wonderful rugby will be played. The addition of the word "International" is justified, as two Ulster schools, three Welsh schools, two Scottish schools and "The Dukes" from The Netherlands are among this year's 32 entrants.

This will be West Park's last visit before they suffer reorganization and sporting oblivion. It would be wonderful, if they were to triumph but it would be a major surprise if they did. A shortlist of possible winners would probably read: Pate's GS, Woodhouse Grove, Dollar Academy, Regent's House, Pontypool College, QEGS Wakefield, St Brendan's and Exeter College, with Pate's saddled with uneasy favouritism.

A number of highly ambitious tours are being or about to be undertaken, among the schools: Loretto are visiting Hong Kong and Singapore and Bradford GS are touring California and Woodhouse Grove are busy fund-raising for their summer tour of Zimbabwe. On Tuesday a match will be played between a Yorkshire XV and an International XV at the Bradford and Bingley Club, followed by a sportmen's dinner, at which Max Boyce, the entertainer, will be the main speaker.

On Tuesday the seventh, the England 18 Group meet Scotland at the Hartlepool Rovers club and on Wednesday, the England 16 Group play Portugal at Basildon RFC.

ENGLAND 18 GROUP: G Hill (Yorks); P Ingram (Northants), D Nell-Dwyer (Kent), D Myers (Lancs), A Adebayo (Devon); G Davies (Warwicks), I Sanders (Cornwall); I Heaxby (Somerset), P Simmonds (Beds), G Rowntree (Leics), G Adams (Yorks), G Bulstrode (Dorset), B Langley (Staffs), N Richardson (Worcs), R Midgley (Yorks).

BOXING

Hagler still boxing clever

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Las Vegas

In contrast to the tired and edgy performance of Sugar Ray Leonard at his Press conference on Tuesday, when he silenced questioners with short answers about the dangers to his eye-sight in his world title bout with Marvin Hagler here on Monday, the champion appeared relaxed when he faced the Press the next day.

Whereas Leonard backed himself into corners with answers like "No, next question", "No, not at all", and tried to draw questions away from his left eye — on which he had an operation for a detached retina five years ago — Hagler sparred with the media.

To a question about whether the world would ever see hair on his bald head again, Hagler replied: "I don't see why I should change, as so many people are adopting my style and many members of the Press are half way there." Asked what was he going to do in the bout, Hagler brought down the house, replying: "What do you think? I think you know what I think about what you think I think I know what I am going to do."

On the more serious matter of War II — written on the red baseball cap covering his shaven head — he said he was feeling in better shape than when he met Thomas Hearns and John Mugabi. "People say I took a lot of punishment in those two fights, but I expected to and I am still here. I learnt a lot from those fights and I expect a hard fight again. But in this dog-eat-dog game I feel like a German shepherd, a Doberman and a pit bull."

After Hagler left with Goody Petronelli, one of his managers, for training behind closed doors, brother Pat Petronelli said that in spite of his mean exterior Hagler was really a gentle person and quite concerned about Leonard's eyes.

The Petronellis believe they have a fight on their hands, even if it is generally thought that after five years in retirement Leonard is out of touch. "People may be right about Leonard," Pat Petronelli said, "but he is no ordinary fighter. I would take him to knock out Hearns again and Donald Curry. We know he is going to fight his butt off."

The Petronellis have engaged three sparring partners, Troy, Floyd and Lloyd, who look like Leonard, are 5ft 10½in and 155lb and box like the former double world champion. Hagler has rehearsed all of Leonard's moves.

Hagler also hinted that this might not be his last bout after all, which makes life a little trying for B. J. Eastwood, the manager of Herol Graham, the No. 1 World Boxing Association (WBA) contender. Should Eastwood tempt Hagler into trying to equal Carlos Monzon's record of 14 defences and earn Graham big money? Or, now that the WBA have won their case against Hagler and stripped him of their version of the title, should Eastwood go for the vacant title with the WBA No. 2 contender, Iran Barkley, of the United States?

Barkley heads a bill today in which he meets Jorge Amparo, of Las Vegas, the Orient-Pacific champion. Also on the programme, Dr Terry Christie, a surgeon from Dublin, takes on the Albuquerque middleweight, Sam Houston, in a six-rounder. Christie, from the fighting Christie family, is with the Hagler stable at Brockton, Massachusetts, and has a useful record of 12 wins and one draw. His brother, Joe, has the distinction of being the first person to beat Frank Bruno.

On the domestic front, Graham has been guaranteed home advantage for the next defence of his European middleweight title, against the Italian-based boxer, Sambu Kalamby.

CRICKET

England come out of hibernation to suffer defeat by India

From Ivo Tennant
Sharjah
United Arab Emirates

An innings by Kapil Dev of the type that only a batsman with a superb eye can play enabled India to beat England with seven balls to spare in the first match of the Sharjah Cup yesterday. The margin of victory, three wickets, was slight, but in truth England were in a commanding position only once.

That was at the start of the day when Gooch and Broad put on 60 in some style after England had been put in. The middle order fell away, however, and India's batsmen rarely had to attempt the unorthodox, needing, as they did, to score at just over four an over.

The temperature has been rising steadily since England arrived, but there was some dampness left in the pitch after the recent rain. The ball did not come onto the bat when England began at the incongruous hour of 9am, although Gooch was starting to time the ball nicely when he drove over a straight one from Maninder in the seventeenth over.

Broad accumulated quietly for the most part, reaching 57 off 94 balls with just three fours. Thereupon Viswanath stumped him as he dragged his back foot and the collapse was imminent.

Fairbrother was held attempting to hit over the top, and Whitaker mistimed a drive. With Robinson soon following England had lost three wickets for 11 runs in 20 balls.

Capel was sent back and run out and it needed some rungathering by Emburey in his inimitable way, plus useful contributions by DeFreitas and Richards to see England beyond 200.

India began poorly, soon losing Prabhakar and Lamba, playing in place of Gavaskar, who has back trouble. However, Srikkanth and then Vengsarkar consolidated, preparing the way for Kapil Dev's onslaught.

Srikkanth made a half-century with five fours and a six before holing out on the square-leg boundary. Shastri then hit a steepler to long-on, but Kapil's placement proved more circumspect.

We were now into the last ten overs, from which 53 were needed. Azharuddin was dropped by the captain at mid-off, although Emburey made some amends by having Kapil caught at long-off at the start of the 46th over and bowling Viswanath but India needed only four off the last two overs. Kapil's 64 came from 54 balls with a six and five fours.

England, not attuned to a pitch of low bounce and befuddled by returning from Australia to winter hibernation, will do better next time. Or at least Emburey thinks they will. Their next match is against Pakistan on Tuesday. Pakistan, the favourites, play Australia today.

ENGLAND

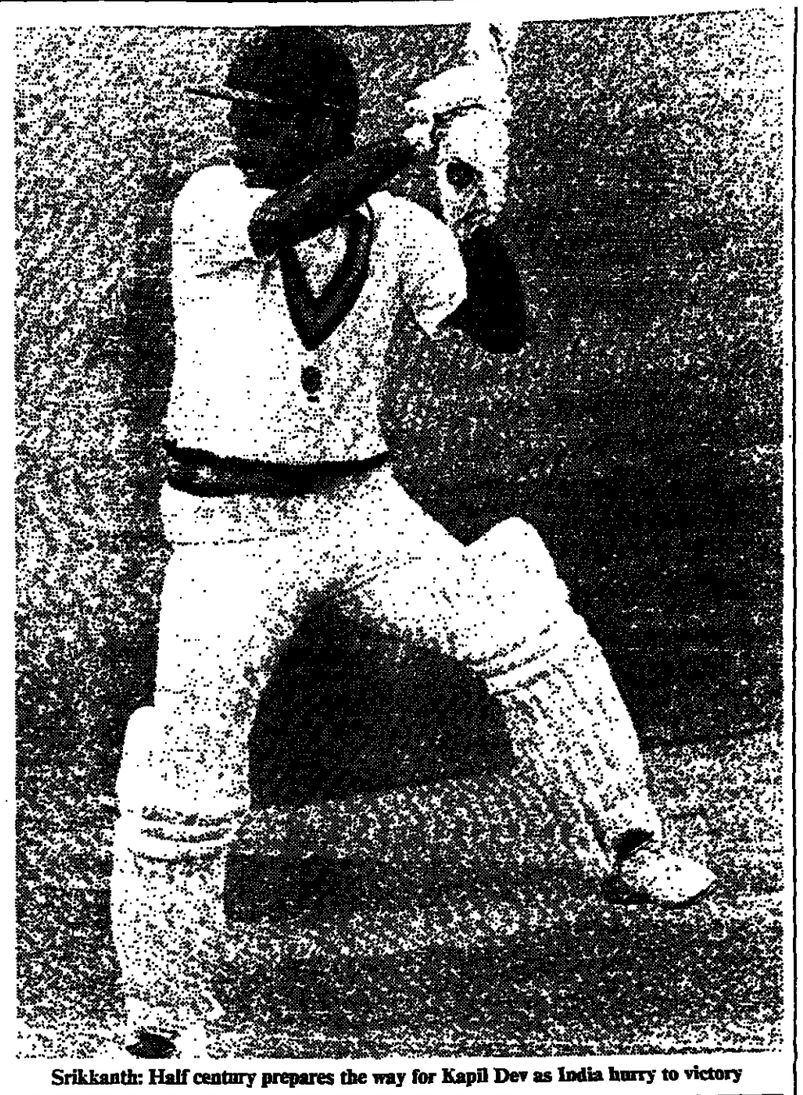
G A Gooch b Maninder	31
B C Broad c Vishwanath b Shastri	57
R T Robinson c Srikkanth b Shastri	34
N H Fairbrother c Azharuddin b Shastri	14
J J Whitaker b Sharma	4
D J Capel run out	8
J E Emburey b Kapil Dev	25
P A J DeFreitas not out	18
†C J Richards not out	14
Extras (lb 4, w 2)	6
Total (7 wkts)	211

P H Edmonds and N A Foster did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-106, 3-134, 4-143, 5-145, 6-187, 7-184
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-1-30-1; Prabhakar 8-2-17-0; Arun 4-0-32-0; Maninder 10-0-43-1; Sharma 10-0-38-1; Shastri 10-1-47-3.

INDIA

M Prabhakar c Edmonds b Foster	4
K Srikkanth c Fairbrother b Capel	56
R M Lamba c Whitaker b Edmonds	4
D Vengsarkar c Robinson b Edmonds	40
R J Shastri c Edmonds Emburey	7
†Kapil Dev c Capel b Emburey	64
M Azharuddin not out	24
†S Viswanath b Emburey	3
B Arun not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1)	5
Total (7 wkts)	214

Maninder Singh and G Sharma did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-33, 3-86, 4-97, 5-148, 6-194, 7-200
BOWLING: Foster 9-1-46-1; DeFreitas 10-3-33-0; Capel 10-0-45-1; Edmonds 10-0-48-2; Emburey 9.5-0-38-3.
Umpires: W Gamage and J Bultens.



Srikkanth: Half century prepares the way for Kapil Dev as India hurry to victory

GOLF

Teenagers' triumph is first for Nevill

By Nicholas Keith

Nicola Way and Mary-Jane Cornelius, both aged 18, won the London women's foursomes for the Nevill Club at Harewood Downs yesterday. In the final on a cold, sunny day they surprisingly proved too strong and consistent for their more experienced opponents from Thorndon Park, Sally Barber and Susan Moorcraft, the holders, who had reached this stage for the third time in four years.

This was the Nevill's first victory in an event which began in 1922, and their young pairing were one under par when they finished the match on the 14th green.

The length of Miss Cornelius off the tee, with her full swing, gave them a constant advantage of 35 yards over Mrs Barber. Then there was the iron play of Miss Way, who has a professional brother in Paul and a twin sister, Jackie. At the seventh, eighth and ninth she hit four, eight and six irons to within 12ft, and a birdie putt by Miss Cornelius on the ninth had them out in 35 and three up.

Earlier, Mrs Barber had found bunkers to lose the fourth and fifth. The Nevill partnership made their only mistake at the sixth, where Miss Cornelius underhit her approach shot. They took three to get down from just short of the green and this reduced them to one up.

The first three homeward holes were halved in par, with Miss Cornelius pitching dead at the tricky 12th, 168 yards over a deep valley. They won the next two and the match as Thorndon Park twice took three putts with holes running out. A nine iron to two feet at the 14th by Miss Cornelius shut the door.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Thorndon Park (S Barber and S Moorcraft) bt Harpenden (H Kaye and A Pyke) 4 and 3; Nevill (M-J Cornelius and N Way) bt Wrotham Heath (J Hickmott and E Eldridge) 7 and 6. Final: Nevill bt Thorndon Park 5 and 4.

FOOTBALL

Scotland's fans have no ear for Roxburgh's rhetoric

By Hugh Taylor

Andy Roxburgh piped an optimistic tune yesterday in an attempt to recapture the affection of the disillusioned tartan army following another dismal failure in the European Championships.

The coach said he was dedicated to rebuilding Scotland's international future and emphasized that the country still retained players with the potential to build a team to restore past glory.

Saying he believed he can lead Scotland "into a new era" he made this declaration of faith: "I am convinced we have players who can make us again a power in international football. It will not be easy. It can prove a long, difficult task. But it is a job I have to face and I am prepared to do so.

"We now have to look to the future and while we have to recognise that we need experienced players on the team, we have to rebuild as well."

While that may be good news for some of the country's talented, younger players — whatever they may be — it does little to sooth ruffled feelings of the supporters who were once the most partisan of all.

The tartan army is in disarray, sick from disappointment and ready to acknowledge that Scotland has become at best a third-rate footballing power. "Who is Andy kidding?" will be the reply from the thousands who have followed Scotland.

While it is true that Roxburgh is correct in saying that Scotland is in a transitional stage, lacking the inspirational players such as Dalglish and Souness, the supporters would be happy to find out just who Roxburgh is talking about when he says there are players "of great potential".

The followers, once so enthusiastic, will be shaking their heads when they hear Roxburgh say: "There are indeed Scottish players with potential and it is a matter of finding them and harnessing that potential."

They are, in fact, shuddering at the thought of the international most dear to their hearts, a match with England at Hampden, and for once there are few who would put a bet on Scotland beating either the old enemy or Brazil, also at Hampden, in the Rouse Cup games in May. They are demanding, too, a more hard-nosed professional touch, including the ending of a fanciful appellation "national coach" given to Roxburgh, who is, to them, the team manager.

Has Roxburgh the time to build the team of his dreams (which, to be fair, is what Scottish supporters entranced with elegant football also want)? The time has long past for excuses. The truth is that the new era is a long long way off

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	2	2	0	13	4	6
Bulgaria	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Rep of Ireland	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Scotland	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 29: Republic of Ireland v Belgium; April 30: Luxembourg v Bulgaria; May 20: Bulgaria v Luxembourg; May 28: Luxembourg v Republic of Ireland; September 5: Republic of Ireland v Luxembourg; September 23: Bulgaria v Belgium; October 14: Scotland v Belgium, Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria; November 11: Belgium v Luxembourg, Bulgaria v Scotland; December 2: Luxembourg v Scotland.

Frickley's survival in balance

Non-League football
by Paul Newman

Sean Marshall, the player-manager of Frickley Athletic, is hoping that the long-awaited return to fitness of two key players can inspire a dramatic revival and keep his side in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Marshall believes that Frickley, who finished runners-up last year in the most successful season in their history, need to win at least four of their last six games to survive. They are only one place off the bottom, after Welling United's midweek victory at Nuneaton Borough.

Frickley have had to cope with a series of injuries this season, but when a 17-day break from league action ends on Tuesday week, with a home match against Boston United, Marshall should at last have nearly a full squad from which to choose.

The most important injuries have been to two defenders, Richard Dawson, who has played only a handful of games this season, and Marshall himself. Dawson, who is recovering well from an Achilles tendon operation, was signed last summer as a replacement for Russell Wilcox, Frickley's England semi-professional international defender, who moved to Northampton Town. Marshall broke his left leg in November and resumed full training only last month.

"Without wishing to blow my own trumpet, I do believe there have been a lot of games we wouldn't have lost if Richard Dawson had been playing," Marshall said. "We've had to use 33 players this season, but it's the fact that we've lost players in key positions that has been so crucial."

Jimmy Holmes, the player-manager of Nuneaton, is in a similar position. He has missed much of the season through injury and is particularly eager to return after three successive defeats against Gateshead, Northwich, and Welling, all fellow relegation candidates.

"We've been disappointed with the way some of the senior players have performed in those games," Holmes said. "With up to 10 people injured I've had to throw in youngsters and a lot of pressure's been put on them because the more experienced players haven't done well. The games against teams at the bottom have all been very tight and tense."

With the bottom four sides all picking up points over the last two months, Northwich, Wealdstone, and Kettering Town have been pulled back into the relegation zone. None of the bottom seven have an easy run-in.

Gateshead, Frickley, and Nuneaton appear to have particularly difficult fixtures, and although Kettering have five home matches left they are all against sides in the top half of the table.

GM CONFERENCE TABLE
(Including Wednesday April 1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scarborough	36	22	10	4	53	30	76
Barnet	35	21	9	5	76	34	72
Altrincham	35	20	7	8	58	34	67
Maidstone	35	18	7	10	59	39	61
Enfield	36	16	6	12	56	42	60
Telford Utd	35	16	8	11	59	47	56
Runcorn	35	15	9	11	61	53	54
Boston Utd	36	16	6	14	70	58	54
Bath City	36	14	12	10	52	51	54
Cheltenham	36	14	11	11	56	43	53
Sutton Utd	34	14	9	11	66	45	51
K'minster H	34	15	3	16	67	69	48
Weymouth	36	12	10	14	60	64	46
Stafford	34	12	7	15	49	48	43
Dagenham	38	12	7	19	53	66	43
Northwich Vic	37	9	13	15	48	60	40
Wealdstone	37	10	9	18	48	62	39
Kettering	34	9	9	16	44	56	36
Nuneaton	37	8	12	17	42	66	36
Welling Utd	35	8	9	19	54	73	33
Frickley Ath	36	7	10	19	41	67	31
Gateshead	36	5	12	19	41	81	27

REMAINING FIXTURES: Northwich: Home: Sutton, Kettering. Away: Welling, Boston, Maidstone. Wealdstone: Home: Enfield, Barnet, Kidderminster. Away: Altrincham, Dagenham. Kettering: Home: Enfield, Runcorn, Telford, Sutton, Boston. Away: Barnet, Northwich, Runcorn. Nuneaton: Home: Enfield, Stafford. Away: Maidstone, Bath, Runcorn. Welling: Home: Northwich, Maidstone, Kidderminster. Away: Scarborough, Stafford, Cheltenham, Frickley: Home: Boston, Cheltenham, Enfield. Away: Weymouth, Bath, Altrincham, Gateshead: Home: Bath, Stafford, Kidderminster. Away: Sutton, Barnet, Weymouth.

England keeps faith with Hughes

By Clive White

The response of Mike England, the Wales manager, to Andy Jones's goal-scoring — and goal-making — debut on Wednesday will be to drop him for the next game, against Czechoslovakia on April 29. England indicated yesterday that he had no misgivings about restoring Mark Hughes to the side even though the Barcelona misfit is unlikely to have played a competitive match in six weeks.

England did not subscribe to the view of Sepp Piontek, the manager of Denmark, one of their rivals in group six of the European Championship, that Rush and Jones, who between them have scored 64 goals this season, looked a better pair than Rush and Hughes.

Piontek's judgement was made on the evidence of Wales's 4-0 defeat of Finland and last month's game against the Soviet Union at Swansea, when the Hughes-Rush partnership proved unproductive for the first time.

It is because he has lost his goal-scoring touch that Barcelona dropped Hughes after their elimination from the UEFA Cup at the hands of Dundee United a fortnight ago. Since Barcelona have no reserve team, Hughes, who has now completed a two-match international suspension, is destined to kick nothing more significant than his heels until the season's end.

England said: "You cannot ignore players who score goals, because they are a premium. Jones has proved he can play with top-class people.

But of Hughes's inactivity, he said: "He has never looked as fit as he does at the moment. He'll be training every day with Barcelona in match situations. He has been made the scapegoat in Spain, but we know he is a world-class player."

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Czechoslovakia	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Finland	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 29: Finland v Denmark, Wales v Czechoslovakia; June 3: Denmark v Czechoslovakia; September 9: Wales v Denmark, Finland v Czechoslovakia; October 14: Denmark v Wales; November 11: Czechoslovakia v Wales.

SHOW JUMPING

Win puts Pyrah in driving seat

From Jenny MacArthur, Göteborg

Malcolm Pyrah, who has never been one to delay when there is a car at stake, won the opening class here yesterday after a fast, bold round in the timed jump-off on Towerlands Diamond Seeker. He finished three-quarters of a second ahead of the runners-up, Nelson Pessoa, from Brazil, with Moet Feinschnitt.

While other riders, including John Whitaker, of Britain, (Next Milton) and Peter Charles (April Sun) were content to use the Opening Stakes as a warm up class for their top horses, Pyrah, riding his second string horse, had gone all out to win. He revealed afterwards that the win gives him eight points towards the Show's Leading Rider Award, for which the prize is a Volvo.

He will have to rely on Towerlands Diamond Seeker to win that particular car. His speed horse, Towerlands Fire Fox, has colic and his top horse, Towerlands Anglezarke, who is having his first major show since Olympia in December, is being aimed specifically at Sunday's World Cup qualifyer — for which there is another £15,000 Volvo car to be won.

Of the seven other British riders competing yesterday, Nick Skelton and Peter Charles were thankful to treat it as a warm-up class. Skelton reached the jump-off but then crashed through the second fence on the promising but unpredictable Raffles Airborne. He was flung to the ground where he completed a neat summersault. "He just wasn't concentrating," Skelton said with a grin.

Charles, who, under a court ruling, has to return April Sun to his owner, Cecil Williams, to be sold after next week's World Cup final in Paris, had two fences down and has yet to find top form. It was exactly one year ago that the brilliant nine-year-old gelding nearly died from a twisted gut sustained during the boat crossing to Göteborg.

Most of the British horses arrived here on Tuesday after rough weather forced them to travel overland from the Hook of Holland rather than taking the direct crossing from Harwich to Göteborg.

RESULTS: Opening Stakes: 1, Towerlands Diamond Seeker (M Pyrah, GB), 0 faults in 32.99sec; 2, Moet Feinschnitt (N Pessoa, Brazil), 0 in 33.87; 3, The Freak (D Hatemeister, WG), 0 in 38.52.

Parkin in search of Latin lift

From Alan Booth
Rome

Philip Parkin, the former British amateur champion, who is finding it hard to survive in his first season on the American professional circuit, is hoping a change of scene this week will help restore his form and confidence.

Parkin gave up the chance of playing in the Greater Greensboro Open in America to join his colleagues, Ian Woosnam and Mark Mouland, in the Welsh team bidding for a place in the 16-nation Dunhill Cup final at St Andrews in October.

As Wales meet Denmark in the first round of the European qualifying tournament over the Olgiata course today, Parkin, aged 25, has already been helped by a tip from his team captain, Woosnam. "He immediately spotted I was all wrong in my set-up and he put me back into a correct position and soon had me hitting the ball much better," Parkin said.

Robinson the man to beat

This is something of a red-letter day for Woodhall Spa Golf Club. The field for their Central England men's foursomes includes, for the first time, a member of a current Walker Cup team, a member moreover of their own club (John Hennessy writes). He is Jeremy Robinson, whose new distinction brings with it honorary life membership of the club.

Robinson, a qualifier for last year's Open Championship at Turnberry, is partnered by Malcolm Pearson; the field also includes Michael Kelley, newly appointed as England captain for next season, and Reg Simpson, the former England and Nottinghamshire batsman.

MOTOR SPORT

Brabham all-Italian

Andrea de Cesaris, the Italian driver sacked by Ligier in 1985 and passed over in favour of Alessandro Mannini and Adrian Campos by the Minardi team, has found a 1987 Grand Prix drive after all (a Correspondent writes).

Mike Blash, of Brabham, confirmed yesterday that de Cesaris will drive the team's new BMW-powered BT56 this season, alongside his countryman, Riccardo Patrese.

The move salvages the driver's career at a time when few expected him to remain in Grand Prix racing, having established a reputation for being fast but erratic and hot-headed.

The Brabham boss, Bernie Ecclestone, has not announced details of any team sponsorship for the year.

Jonathan Palmer's name has been put forward by Ken Tyrrell as the nominee for the second seat in the Data General-backed team, although any possible confirmation of the Englishman driving all season will not come until next week.

"I haven't done any deal yet," Palmer said, "although Ken has told me to have my overalls and helmet ready for Rio just in case." Most observers are confident that Palmer will drive all year, especially now that Courtaulds has been confirmed as Tyrrell's second major sponsor.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Men's singles: First round: Z Ibrahim (China) bt C Chachlioutakis (HK), 17-14, 13-15, 15-7; J Nielsen (Den) bt *C Nine Bian (Taiwan)*, 15-3, 15-4; Sompot (Thai) bt J Supriyanto (Indo), 15-11, 10-15, 15-9; X Biau (China) bt S Yu (Aus) w/o; N Pak-kum (HK) bt S (Thai), w/o; J Knudsen (Den) bt *K Kagai (Japan)*, 15-2, 15-2; C Wen Sung (Taiwan) bt C Kai-nga (HK), 15-3, 15-7; F Permadi (Indo) bt Y Ya-kei (HK), 15-11, 15-6; K Namazawa (Japan) bt T Chau-lam (HK), 17-14, 15-2; E Ismunto (Indo) bt T Carsen (Den), 7-15, 15-4, 15-9; D Hall (Eng) bt T Bun (HK), 15-8, 15-5; J Knudsen (Den) bt N Pak-kum (HK), 15-4, 15-5; *F Permadi (Indo) bt C Wen-Sung* (Taiwan), 15-9, 15-7; P-E Hoyer Larsen (Den) bt T Chi-man (HK), 15-5, 15-7; T Yanagiya (Japan) bt C Kui-man (HK), 15-3, 15-2; P Sun-Bae (S Kor) bt L Zhiheng (China), 17-6, 15-9; H Seamer (Den) bt W Chor-meng (HK), 15-7, 15-0; S Hak-kuk (S Kor) bt L Hung (HK), 15-1, 15-6; S Thongsan (Thai) bt K Honda (Japan), 15-3, 15-4; X Guobao (China) bt C Wing-kit (HK), 15-1, 15-5

Women's singles: First round: H Aping (China) bt Somnarnsuma, 11-7, 11-7; Sonwendan (Indo) bt C Hatiens (Den), 11-9, 11-5; A Scrimeli (WG) bt C Yin-Sai (HK), 11-1, 11-3; S Fume (China) bt Y Korke (Japan), 11-1, 11-5; K Jun-ji (S Kor) bt T Chun-mui (HK), w/o; S Xiao Qing (China) bt Darunee (Thai), 11-6, 11-7; P Nedergaard (Den) bt F Elsi (Eng), 11-6, 11-3; L Chen-mei (Taiwan) bt S Tashima (Japan), 11-5, 11-5; Du Hong (China) bt F Mei Ying (Taiwan), 11-3, 11-4; K Takamine (Japan) bt D Kjaer (Den), 11-1, 11-7; Ladawan (Thai) bt P Wai-na (HK), 11-6, 11-0; G Jiaming (China) bt G Gowers (Eng), 11-5, 11-5; L Ou-chan (Macau) bt H Yachi (Japan), 11-4, 11-0; C Sze-yung (S Kor) bt Pranee Prayatap (Thai) 11-10, 11-7; H Hua (China) bt A Chan (HK), 11-3, 12-10

Men's doubles: First round: B Gilliland (Scot) and J Newhoff (Den) bt P Fai-hung and W Lap-chuen (HK), 15-1, 15-4; Gunawan and B Subagyo (Indo) bt L Hung and C Siu-kwong (HK), 8-15, 15-2, 15-4; K Seamer and J Knudson (Den) bt Sinpong and Komchan (Thai), 15-10, 15-9; G Sun Ming and L Wei Che (Taiwan) bt K Namazawa and T Yanagiya (Japan), 15-1, 15-12

Mixed doubles: First round: Billy Gilliland (Scot) and Gillian Gowers (Eng) bt Nasuma Namazawa and K Takamine (Japan), 18-6, 15-2; Hennik Seamer and Dorte Kjaer (Den) bt Wong Man-feng and Wong Hat-ping (HK), 15-4, 15-4; Sigit Pamungkas and Ivana Lie (Indo) bt Sawai and Darunee (Thai) 15-6, 15-3; Su Xiong and Gao Mei-feng (China) bt Chan Siu-kwong and Poon Wai-na (HK), 15-5, 15-5; Su and Gao bt Nanzan Kogai and S Tashima (Japan), 15-3, 15-1; Kong Hanoja and Yuuko Kokei (Japan) bt Sinpong and Ladawan (Thai), 15-8, 15-9; Jiang Guoliang and Nong Qunhua (China) bt Poon Fa-hung/Tong Chun-mui (HK) 15-3, 15-1; Tatsuya Yanagiya/Haruko Yachi (Japan) bt Komchan/Somnarnsuma (Thai) 15-10, 15-10; Nigel Tier and Gillian Clark (Eng) bt Leung Kam-chiu and Cheng Yin-sat (HK), 15-4, 15-3 **Second round:** B Gilliland (Scot) and *Gowers (Eng) bt Seamer and Kjaer (Den)*, 17-14, 15-9; Xiong and Mei-feng (China) bt Pamungkas and Lie (Indo), 15-4, 11-15, 15-3; Guoliang and Qunhua (China) bt Chan and Hung (HK), 15-3, 15-12; Tier and Clark (Eng) bt Tatsuya Yanagiya and Haruko Yachi (Japan), 15-6, 15-9

Women's doubles: First round: Somnarnsuma and Pranee (Thai) bt Amy Chun and Poon Wai-na (HK), 15-11, 15-4

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 103, Washington Bullets 86; Indiana Pacers 99, Chicago Bulls 94; New Jersey Nets 121, New York Knicks 120, Philadelphia 76ers 108, Cleveland Cavaliers 99, Milwaukee Bucks 104, Atlanta Hawks 92, Utah Jazz 107, San Antonio Spurs 104; Phoenix Suns 117, Houston Rockets 104.

BOXING

GLOUCESTER: ABA championship: England finals: Light-flyweight: M Cantwell (London) bt M Reynolds (Eastern Counties), rsc, rnd 2; M Epton (NE Counties) w/o Flyweight: L Lyon (NW Counties) bt M Whenton (Midland Counties), rsc, rnd 3; J McLean (Comb Services) bt *M Ward (London)*, pts; Bantamweight: J Dawson (NE Counties) bt M Tierney (Home Counties), rsc, rnd 2; J Sutton (Western Counties) bt N Dickenson (London), rsc, rnd 2. Featherweight: C McMillan (London) bt C Day (Comb Services), pts; P English (NW Counties) bt M Smyth (Home Counties), rsc, rnd 3. Lightweight: M Ayers (London) bt S Gibbons (Midland Counties), rsc, rnd 2, A Hall (NE Counties) bt A Hagger (Western Counties), pts; Light-welterweight: *A Hulligan (NW Counties) bt B Kearney (Comb Services)*, pts; R Bryan (London) bt R Joyce (Midland Counties), pts. Welterweight: T Morrel (NE Counties) bt D Muter (Western Counties) pts, M Elliott (Midland Counties) bt M Speare (London), rsc, rnd 2; Light-middleweight: W May (London) bt A Ellison (*Royal Navy*), pts, N *Brown (Midland Counties)* bt W Neil (NE Counties), ko, rnd 1. Middleweight: J Carr (NE Counties) bt N Rodney (Western Counties), rsc, rnd 1; R Douglas (London) bt G Lewis (Midland Counties), rsc, rnd 1. Light-heavyweight: E Blake (Home Counties) bt D Goyte (Comb Services), pts; *J Beckles (London)* bt M Gale (NE Counties), pts. Semi-finals: Heavyweight: J Moran (Midland Counties) bt C Harrison (North West Counties), stopped 1st rnd, H Akinwande (London ABA) bt G Sanderson (Combined Services), pts. Super heavyweight: J Oyebola (London ABA) bt Gary McRory (North East Counties), stopped 2nd rnd, J Shakespeare (Midland Counties) bt D Crawford (Combined Services), pts

TOKYO: Orient Pacific junior middleweight: Carlos Ehlott (US) bt Yuh Jae-Hyung (S Kor), ko 9th rnd.

CURLING

VANCOUVER: Men's world championships: Fifth round: Norway 7, Scotland 2; United States 6, Sweden 3; Canada 9, Denmark 4; Switzerland 10, France 4, West Germany 8, *England 6*.

GOLF

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: Second round: 136: C Parry (Aus), 66 70. 137: B Ruangkit (*Thai*), *66,71*, *R Mackay (Aus), 68,69*, M Ramayah (Mal) 70,67. 138: H Ernste (Japan), 69,69 F Minoza (Phil), 70,68, W Smith (Aus), 68,70 139: S Bowman (USA) 70 69, Jim Haller (USA) 70 69, Muan (Indo), 67,72 140: M Aebi (USA), 67,73, B Ray Brown (US), 69,71, R Gibson (Can), 68,72; Kasyadi (Indo), 71,69; K Mase (US) 72,68, P Jones (Aus), 69,72; Y Chan-chi (Taiwan), 71,69, L Shi-chuen (Taiwan), 69,71

FOOTBALL

FRENCH CUP: Second round, first leg: Monaco 2, Nice 0; Rennes 1, Laval 1; Saint-Etienne 1, Marseilles 0; Marseilles 1, Cannes 0. Lille 2, Bastia 1; Paris SG 0, Strasbourg 0; Toulouse 1, Caen 0. Quevigmon 0, Bordeaux 0; Rouen 0, Lens 0; UCK Yermes 1, Brest 1, Bourne les Dames 0, Auxerre 5; Mulhouse 0, Reims 2, Ales 1, Thonon 0; Angers 2, Lyon 3; Lorson 3, Perpignan 1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Bristol Rovers 3 Crystal Palace 1, Luton 6: Oxford 0, South's Lynton 1.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern League 1, Nene Group United Counties League 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Southwick 4, Bracknell 0. Second division: Pontin's Regional 0, Haringey 3. Postponed: Collier Row v Wolverton.

SOUTHERN YOUTH LEAGUE: Epsom 1, Banstead 1.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Pegasus Juniors 0, Abingdon Town 3, Pentull 1, Supermarine 0; Wallingford 7, Thame 3; Wantage 0, Bicester 6. Postponed: Reyners Lane v Hounslow.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome 1 Maidenhead 0; Chippenham 4, Chard 0; Liskeard 4, Exmouth 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Maidstone 3, Gateshead 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Cambridge City 0. Postponed: Kong's Lynton v Witney.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Worksop 0, Morecambe 1

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 3, Shetfield Unted 5; Leicester 2, Newcastle 0; Hull 2, Liverpool 4 Second division: Bolton 1, Blackpool 2; Bury 2, Scunthorpe 0. Postponed: Bradford v Blackpool; Darlington v Preston: Port Vale v Grimsby.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Group one: Spain 3, Austria 2. Group four: Northern Ireland 0, England 2. Group six: Wales 4, Finland 0 Group seven: Belgium 4, Scotland 1. Bulgaria 2, Ireland 1.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group seven: Belgium 0, Scotland 0 (at Brussels)

SECOND DIVISION: Chester 2, Swindon 0. Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Doncaster.

THE HAGUE: Dutch first division: Sparta Rotterdam 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 2. PEC Zwolle 0, Roda JC 1; Twente 0, VVV Venlo 0; GA Eagles Deventer 0, Veendam 0.

DUTCH FA CUP: Quarter-finals: Ajax Amsterdam 2, Vitesse 0; Den Haag 3, Excelsior Rotterdam 1; Fortuna Sittard 1, Groningen 2.

EAST BERLIN: East German first division: Stahl Brandenburg 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Lokomotive Leipzig 2, Fortschritt Bischofswerde 0, Wismut Aue 3, Magdeburg 1; Union Berlin 1, Dynamo Berlin 2; Stahl Riesa 4, Energe Cottbus 0, Dynamo Dresden 3 Karl-Marx-Stadt 1; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 2, Detroit Red Wings 1; Montreal Canadiens 6, Hartford Whalers 2; Washington Capitals 5, New York Rangers 1; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Minnesota North Stars 4 (OT); Vancouver Canucks 8, Los Angeles Kings 3.

CANADA: Italy World Championship: Group B: Norway 5, Austria 3, Poland 6, France 2; Poland 3, The Netherlands 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: St Helens 8, Castleford 10, Wakefield 19, Hull Kingston Rovers 4; Widnes 8, Leigh 10. Second division: Runcorn 4, Whitehaven 8.

RUGBY UNION

BULAWAYO: Tour match: Portugal 20, Matabeleland 20.

POTTERTONS UNDER-21 CUP: Final: Nottingham 9, Coventry 4.

TOUR MATCH: Barbarians 16, New Zealand Barbarians 68

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 28, Pontypool 13; Harlequins 3, Glamorgan Wanderers 11, Manchester 7, Orrell 32, Abertillery 13, South Wales Police 9; Taunton 7, Exeter 8; Richmond 10, Met Police 6.

YORKSHIRE CUP: First round: Middlesbrough 20, Selby 9.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World professional championship: Qualifying tournament: Third round: D O'Kane (NZ) bt I Black (Glasgow), 10-2, R Chaperon (Can) bt J FitzMaurice (Bamingham), 10-2, R Edmonds (Cleethorpes) bt E Sinclair (Glasgow), 10-8, P Medati (Stockport) bt M Gauvreau (Can), 10-3 G Scott (Liverpool) bt J Dunning (Leeds), 10-7; T Murphy (Newtonards) bt G Miles (Birmingham), 10-7; T Jones (Chesterfield) bt J Van Rensberg (SA), 10-0; J Wright (London) bt M Wildman (Peterborough), 10-0; S Newbury (Neathy bt G Rigitano (Can), 10-4. T Chappel (Swansea) bt S Duggan (Rotherham), 10-3; S Hendry (Edinburgh) bt J Rempe (US), 10-4.

TENNIS

PISCATAWAY, New Jersey: Women's indoor tournament: Second round: Mandlikova bt M Werdel (US), 6-1, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt H Ludloff (US), *6-3, 6-1; S Hanika (WG)* bt C Tanner (Fr), 6-2, 6-3.

MILAN: Italian indoor championship: First round: M Wilander (Swe) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; B Becker (WG) bt S Berner (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; C Panatta (It) bt R Krishnan (India), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; A *Jarryd (Swe)* bt W *Masur* (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-7, 6

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sporting life of a royal champion



NPA guerrilla and son: Arena, on BBC2, 9.30pm

● She is by all accounts extremely knowledgeable on form, runners and the competence of jockeys. She admits to taking *Sporting Life*, with an expression that suggests that she would be offended if it were thought she didn't. In **Royal Champion: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Horses** (ITV, 7.30pm) the Queen Mother talks for the first time on television about her passion for horses and fascination with horse racing, particularly the National Hunt. The film shows many of the Queen Mother's triumphs and also carries a reminder of one of her greatest disappointments, the 1956 Grand National. By her estimation, horse racing is at least 80 per cent disappointment, but, she adds speaking for countless others, a win makes up for everything else.

CHOICE

● "Mr President, would you be unhappy if something happened to Colonel Gadaffi?" Long pause: "Well, now ... " **Twelve Minutes Over Tripoli** (BBC1, 10.25pm) investigates the American bombing of Tripoli and asks: did the Americans pick the wrong target? The film suggests that the bombing was essentially a public relations exercise to restore Reagan's credibility. Gadaffi apparently had little to do with the terrorist acts for which he was blamed. These, despite yelps of denial from the Americans, were more probably the work of Syria. The programme contains some fine political euphemisms. "We don't wish to choose the military option for the moment," means we are not going to bomb you ... yet.

● **Arena** (BBC2, 9.30pm) features an excellent documentary on the Philippine film director Lino Brocka, an outspoken opponent of the Marcos government and now a critic of Aquino. Despite his political leanings, Brocka's many films prefer soap and melodrama to outright propaganda: he deals primarily in human drama and entertainment. This portrait of a self-confessed child of Hollywood is also, because of Brocka's close involvement with the destiny of his country, a detailed picture of pre- and post-revolutionary Philippine life. In the West, film-making by comparison is a marginal activity and one can't think of a single other film director of international reputation, working today in anything approaching Brocka's position.

Chris Petit

● *Peter Davalle writes:* Glazed eyes are *de rigueur* for Radio 3 listeners this week and next. The Theatre of the Absurd season is now well into its stride. If you thought Adamov's *Ping Pong* on Tuesday night was disorientating in its lunatic suspension of logic, just wait until you hear Ionesco's **Victims of Duty** (tonight, 7.30pm). It doesn't so much stand the detective fiction genre on its head as pull it inside out. With its bewildering dislocation of time and space, you would swear the play had been written specially for radio, which of course it wasn't. Also recommended today: the repeat of the penultimate episode of Charles Dickens's **Martin Chuzzlewit** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) with its boozy highlight, the famous Sarah Gamp - Betsy Prig altercation. Quarrels, in fiction, don't come better than this.



The Queen Mother with retired jockey Terry Biddlecombe at the Royal Stud: from the documentary **Royal Champion** (ITV,7.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather **9.05** Day to Day presented by Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45** Advice Line. **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. Programme details from Phillip Schofield, and birthday greetings **10.30** Play School. (r) **10.50** Paddington. (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Your Life in Their Hands. Mugging victim Stephen Agnew's life is saved by a new technique developed by Professor David Allison. (r) (Ceefax) **11.35** Open Air includes news and weather at 12.00. **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow from Bradford **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Daphne solves the mystery of the intruder in her house. **1.50** Mop and Smiff. (r) **2.05** The Liver Birds. Comedy series starring Nerys Hughes and Elizabeth Estensen. (r) **2.35** Knots Landing. Diana's life depends on Abigail. **3.25** Box Clever. Family quiz game presented by Emlyn Hughes. **3.50** Comers. Young people's questions answered by Simon Davies, Tracy Brabin, and Jo Kornu. **4.10** Yogi Bear. (r) **4.15** Jackanory. Bernard Cribbins with part two of Jeremiah in the Dark Woods **4.30** Think It..Do It presentd by Johnny Ball with special guest, Aled Jones. **4.55** Newsround Extra. John Craven reports from India on *Project Tiger*. (r) **5.05** Seaview. Part two. (r) **5.35** The Flintstones. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan with Griff Rhys Jones, Kenneth Baker, MP, and Alex Bird. Plus, two more Song for Europe hopefuls. **7.40** Blankety Blank. For the final programme of Les Dawson's series, a bumper sized panel consisting Lionel Blair, Aimi MacDonald, Joe Brown, Duncan Norvelle, Suzanne Dando, Mary Parkinson, Gary Davies, Peter Powell, Janice Long, Bertice Reading, Linda Lusardi, and Bernie Winters. (Ceefax) **8.10** The Colbys. Jeff saves the life of his rival, Miles. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Whicker's World: Living with Uncle Sam. Among those Alan Whicker meets in part two of his series on Britons who have successfully made the United States their home are Joan Collins, and Mike London, a professional poker player. (r) (Ceefax) **10.25** Twelve Minutes Over Tripoli. Tom Bower has pieced together new evidence that throws doubt on President Reagan's claim to have 'irrefutable' proof to justify his 'act of self-defence' in bombing Tripoli, Libya, last April. (see Choice) **11.30** Film: Can't Stop the Music (1980) starring Village People, Valerie Perrine, Bruce Jenner, Steve Guttenberg, and Hot Gossip. Disco musical set in New York's Greenwich Village. Directed by Nancy Walker. **1.30** Weather.



Betsy Prig and Mrs Gamp: their famous quarrel scene can be heard in episode nine of Dickens's Martin Chuzzlewit (Radio 4, 3.00pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Light - In Search of a Model. Ends at **7.20. 9.00** Ceefax. **9.52** Daytime on Two: Fair Ground!, part ten **10.15.** The wildlife of a Scottish riverbank **10.38** The British car industry **11.00** The young people of Provence **11.17** Designing an outfit for a party **11.40** The Tudors: Mary, Queen of Scots **12.00** A CSE drama group perform an improvised play. **12.32** The story of a shoe shop sales assistant with dreams of higher things **1.05** Young people who have made a name for themselves **1.33** Part two of the Horizon programme on aggression **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For the very young. **2.15** Racing from Aintree. The Tattersalls Mares 'Chase Final (2.35); the Glenlivet Hurdle (3.10); the REA Bott Foxhunters 'Chase (3.45); and the Sporting Life Weekender Handicap 'Chase (4.20). Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.55. **4.35** Pamela Armstrong. **5.10** Horizon: Broken Images. A documentary about two men who suffer from a rare complaint - visual agnosia. (r) **6.00** Film: Trouble Brewing" (1931) starring George Formby and Googie Withers. George Gullip is a newspaper compositor and an amateur detective who helps the police break-up a gang of counterfeiters. He discovers love and has time to sing a few numbers, including Fanlight Fanny, before the denouement in a brewery. Directed by Anthony Kimmins. **7.30** The Education Programme. Sarah Kennedy presents the first of a new, live series on all aspects of education. **8.00** Beyond the Great Divide. The second film of a two-part series on the economic gulf dividing north and south. The reporter is David Lomax (first shown on BBC North East) **8.30** Gardeners' World, presented by Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank. Sowing and planting are this week's subjects. **9.00** Now - Something Else. Comedy impressions from Rory Bremner and his team. **9.30** Arena: Bayan Ko Pilipinas. Philippine film director Lino Brocka leads an expedition to the mountains of his country to interview members of the communist guerrillas, the New People's Army, who are opposed to Mrs Aquino's government. (see Choice) **10.30** Facing Up to Aids presented by Angharad Mair. **10.45** Newsnight **11.30** Weather **11.35** Film: Out of the Fog" (1941) starring Ida Lupino and John Garfield. A girl unwittingly falls for a gangster who is terrorizing her father, then the father and his friend decide to take the law into their own hands. Directed by Anatole Litvak. Ends at **1.05.**

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6.15 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.** **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 6.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35.** After Nine Includes Russell Grant's astrology and, at **9.17** exercises with Lizzie Webb. **9.30** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Schools: life-cycles of butterflies and moths **9.47** How We Used to Live - the General Strike **10.09** Junior maths **10.26** Searching for life on a planet **10.50** German for 13- to 15-year-olds **11.15** Spring and summer **11.27** How posters and pictures are printed **11.44** Uses of computers. **12.00** Orm and Cheep. (r) **12.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets **12.30** Manscape. Neil Cossons visits the Kennet and Avon canal which once linked London and Bristol, and looks at the efforts to preserve it as a leisure amenity. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames News. **1.30** Film: Secret of the Incas (1953) starring Charlton Heston. Jungle adventure about an unscrupulous adventurer who plans to rob an Inca tomb of a priceless jewel. Directed by Jerry Hopper. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 **4.15** Batfink. (r) **4.25** Emu's Wide World. The first of a new series presented by Rod Hull. **5.15** Ask No Questions. A quiz game without questions. **5.45** News with Fiona Armstrong. **6.00** The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel. **7.00** Through the Keyhole. A new quiz show presented by David Frost in which the panel have to discover the identity of famous home owners from clues provided by Loyd Grossman. (Oracle) **7.30** Royal Champion: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Horses. A documentary celebrating The Queen Mother's love of National Hunt Racing. (Oracle) (see Choice) **8.30** Running Wild. Max discovers that the Ritz transport cafe on the South Circular, once the courting haunt of him and his estranged wife, Babs, is to be converted into a pizza parlour. He takes Babs there to see if they can re-live their romantic past before it is too late. (Oracle) **9.00** A Killing on the Exchange. Episode five of the six-part drama and John Field looks like losing out on the take-over and promotion stakes because of his romantic dalliance; and Det. Supt. Thorne finds Milly in danger once again. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart, includes a report from Brent Sadler on the conditions inside the Beirut refugee camp, Bourj a Barajneh. **10.30** The London Programme presented by John Taylor. An investigation into the ILEA's decision to close more of its special schools and teach children with a mental or physical handicap alongside pupils in mainstream schools. Followed by LWT News headlines. **11.05** South of Watford. A profile of the Catford-based controversial Irish writer, Des Hogan. **11.35** Film: The Comeback (1977) starring Jack Jones. Horror thriller about a singer who is haunted by the sound of his murdered wife in the house he has rented. Directed by Pete Walker. Ends at **1.15.**



David Frost and Loyd Grossman: they appear in the new panel game Through the Keyhole, on ITV, at 7.00pm

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r) **2.30** Passage to Britain. The first of three programmes dealing with immigration from the Indian sub-continent. (r) **3.00** Time to Remember" Part six in the documentary series tracing Britain's social and political history from 1900 to 1945, and the First World War is still raging while civil war breaks out in Dublin. Narrated by Stanley Holloway. (r) **3.30** Canyon Consort. A film about the Paul Winter Consort recording their album, Canyon. **4.30** Countdown. The second quarterfinal and the number two seed, Alan Johnson, takes on David Reid, seeded number seven. **5.00** Mr Ed" Vintage American comedy series about a man with a talking horse. **5.30** The Tube. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first transmission of the series, The Prisoner, the first hour of the programme comes from Portmeirion where among those performing are XTC, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Magnum, Anhrefn, Y Cyrff, and Dat Blygu, with contributions from John Peel and Stanley Unwin. In the studio are The Kinks and The Flowerpot Men. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather. **7.50** Book Choice. Poet and critic Wendy Cope reviews Late Pickings, the latest work of poet Gavin Ewart. **8.00** What the Papers Say with Mary Holland of The Observer. **8.15** A Week in Politics. How will newspapers vote in the next General Election?; and the Tory assault on the universities, with George Walden. **9.00** E.R. Dr Sheridan faces a dilemma when Dr Sheinfeld asks her to testify as his character witness in a malpractice suit. **9.30** Plants for Free. The first of a new series from the RHS's garden at Wisley designed to impart the basic skills of propagation and the necessary follow-up work. (Oracle) **10.00** Cheers. Diane is depressed when the poem she submitted to a magazine is rejected, and Sam's is accepted. (Oracle) **10.30** The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. Off-beat chat show. Tonight's guests include David Cassidy, Eric Idle, Fanny Craddock, and Lulu. Plus, Lloyd Cole and the Commotions, and a man who stabs himself. **11.15** Film: Nightshift (1982) starring Henry Winkler and Michael Keaton as mortuary attendants who decide to use their quiet place of work as the centre of a call girl business. Directed by Ron Howard. Ends at **1.10.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35am-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Sportsfile **12.25am-12.30** News and weather SCOTLAND **10.50am-11.00** Dateman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **9.30-10.25** Scottish Question Time NORTHERN IRELAND **10.18am-10.38** Ulster in Focus **5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.33-7.00** First Class **1.30am-1.35** News and weather ENGLAND **5.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES **10.18am-10.38** Home Ground 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account SCOTLAND **5.00pm-5.20** Mediterranean Cookery NORTHERN IRELAND **8.00-8.30** A Question of Sport ENGLAND **6.00pm-6.30** East: East on Two. Midlands: Crimewatch Midlands North: Northern Lights. North-east: Northwards. North-west: Now! South: South on Two. South-west: Chasing the Wave. West: West on Two.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: Wuthering Heights **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Question **11.10** Film: Barabbas **1.04am** Late Night Final, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30** Shammy Dab **2.00** Film: Crowhaven Farm **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30** The Union and the League **11.00** Film: Tennis Court **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30** Film: SOS Pacific' **3.10-3.30** From Grape to Glass **5.15-5.45** Different Strokes **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Central Post **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Joe Dancer **1.45am** Jobfinder **2.45** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00** Tucker's Witch **3.00** Look Who's Talking **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Mr Merlin **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Please Sir! **10.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** What the European Papers Say **11.15** Film: The Plot **1.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: Campbell's Kingdom **5.15** Who's the Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Good Neighbour Show **11.00** Your Say **11.15** Film: Foreign Exchange **12.35am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30-12.35am** Film: To Sir, With Love.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30** Film: Birth of the Beatles **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32** Film: Death at Love House **11.55** Postcript **12.00** Film: Don't Go to Sleep **1.41am** Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30** Bulman **2.30** Bygones **3.00** Knight Among the Cats of Venice **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Film: Black Windmill **1.00am** Company, Closedown.

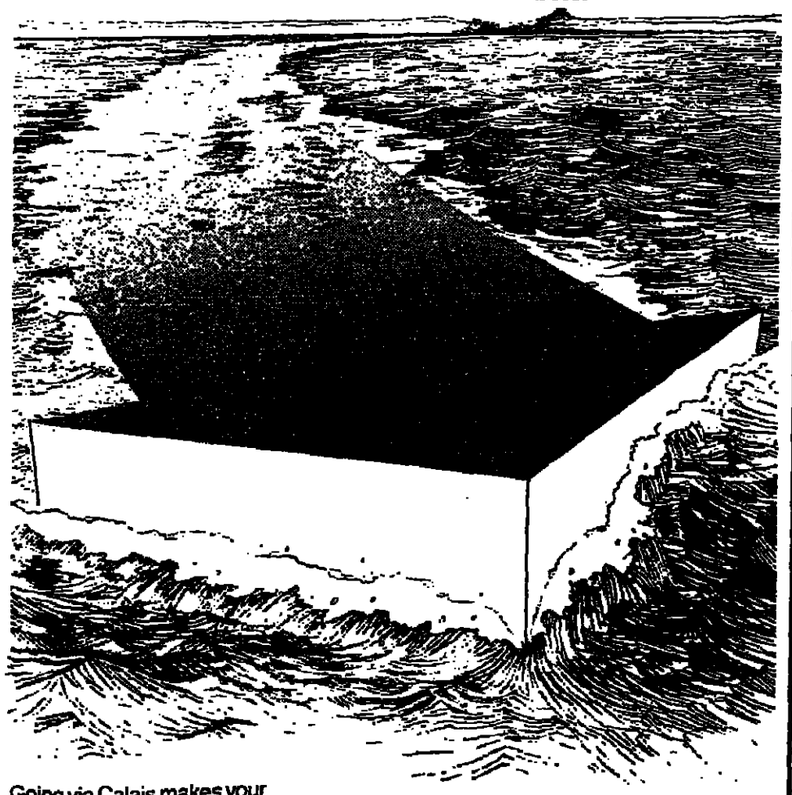
TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News **1.30-3.30** Film: League of Gentleman" **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** What Wound You Do? **10.32** Extra Time **11.00** Film: Death Wish **12.40am** Three's Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime **1.30** Film: Hour of the Gun **3.30-3.30** Cartoon **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Spellbound **10.30** Sportscast **11.05** Scarecrow and Mrs King **11.55** Rock of the Seventies **12.25am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30-3.30** Film: My Brother Jonathan" **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Knight Rider **10.30** Film: Battle of Neretva **12.50am** Jobfinder **1.50** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.35** Yagolion **12.00** Interval **12.05pm** Gray Gardens **1.40** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Film: Zazz" **4.05** Amgibertz **4.20** Smyrfits **4.45** Chwarter Call **5.00** Rhew Posh **5.30** The Tube **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Ma 'ffan 'Ma **8.10** Sonamdani **8.40** Byd Ar Bedwar **9.40** Film: Billy the Kid and the Green Baize Vampire **11.30** Jazz **12.10am** Closedown.

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Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Andy Peebles **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **2.00** Bruno Brookes **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Singled Out (guests Roger Daltrey and Swing Out Sister's Corrine Drewery) **7.00** Andy Peebles **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show. VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour (except **8.00pm, 9.00**). Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Round-up **8.50am.** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson in Dusseldorf with the British forces stationed there. **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford (at **3.10,** Glenlivet Hurdle from Aintree) **4.00** Alvin Stardust **5.05** John dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Paul Hudson Sings **10.30** Press Gang **11.00** Stuart Hall **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night

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6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Mandian **7.00** News **7.08** Twenty-four Hours: News **7.30** The Folk Entertainers **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Loved by the Gods **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead **9.45** Hotel du Lac **10.00** News **10.01** Soundtracking **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme (until 10.30) **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** In the Meantime **11.25** A Letter From Northern Ireland **11.30** Merrion **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Jazz For The Asking **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook. Opening with News **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The European Community **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary (until 4.15) **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Grand National Preview **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Music Now **9.45** A Night to Remember **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From The Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Grand National Preview **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Soundtracking **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today (until 3.30) **4.45** Reflections **4.59** Financial News **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-four Hours: News (until 5.30). All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Until **6.55**am. Justice and power in King Lear **6.55** Weather. **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: Gershwin (Love is here to stay: Norman, soprano , John Williams, piano), Dvorak (Serenade in D minor Op 44' Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Gershwin (Catfish Row symphonic suite: Weissenberg, piano, with Berlin PO). **8.00** News **8.05** Concert (continued) Rossini (Il Turco in Italia overture: National PO), Handel (Organ Concerto No 14: Peter Hurford and Concertgebouw CO), Schubert (Piano Trio in B flat, D 28: Beaux Arts Trio), Mozart (Symphony No 27: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields). **9.00** World Service News **9.05** This Week's Composer: Fibich. Night at Karlstein overture (Prague RSO), Forest Scene, Act 2 Sarka (Deplotova, soprano and Pribyl, tenor with Brno State PO), Fall of Arcona overture (Prague SO) **10.00** Young Violinists: Carl Flesch competition finalists. Chausson (Poeme: Birgit Jahn, violin), Sarasate (Introduction and Tarantelle) and David Matthews (Three Studies Op 39: Isabelle Bonasire, violin), Ravel (Tzigane, with Xue Wei, violin) **10.45** Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Meredith Davies), with Philippa Davies (flute). Francaix (Sei preludi), Bloch (Suite modale), Malipiero (Symphony No 6) **11.40** French Songs: Mary King (mezzo),with Catherine Edwards (piano). Duparc (Le galop; Extase; Chanson triste), Debussy (Fetes galantes 1 and 2) **12.15** BBC Scottish SO (under Maksymiuk). With Sylvia Marcovici (violin). Part one. Bartok (Violin Concerto No 2). **1.00** News **1.05** Concert (part two) Sibelius (Symphony No 2) **1.50** Piano Duet Music: Ralph Markham and Kenneth Broadway. Dussek (Sonata in B flat Op 74). Pauk (Nebulae), Rubinstein (March Op 50 No 6 **2.35** Szymanowski: Detroit SO under Dorati play the Symphony No 2 **3.10** Beethoven Cello Sonatas: Melissa Phelps with John York (piano). Sonata in F major Op 5 No 1, and Kodaly's Sonata Op 4 **4.00** Choral Evensong: from Worcester Cathedral. The organist is Adrian Partington. **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: a selection of recorded music presented by Fritz Spiegl. The theme: the Doppelganger in music **6.55** News bulletin **7.00** Lenten Oratorios: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie perform the oratorio Il pecator pentito, attributed to Luigi Rossi **7.30** Theatre of the Absurd: Eugene Ionesco's Victims of Duty, in the translation by Donald Watson. With Geoffrey Collins, Prunella Scales and (as the detective) Bill Nighy. With Philip Voss **8.30** Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (under Roy Massey and John Sanders). With Three Choirs Festival Chorus and soloists Sarah Walker and Penelope Walker. From Gloucester Cathedral. Part one. Walton (Coronation Te Deum), Elgar (Introduction and Allegro), Berlioz (Nuits d'été) **9.25** Ill of the Dead: talk by Sidney Anglo, Professor in the History of Ideas, University College of Swansea **9.45** Concert (part two) Paul Patterson (Stabat Mater). The conductor: John Sanders **10.30** Mendelssohn: Guildhall String Ensemble play the String Symphony No 9 **11.00** Paul Crossley: an all-Ravel piano recital. The works are: Pavane pour une infante défunte; Menuet antique; Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn; Sonatine; Prélude, Fortane, Minuet and Rigaudon (from Le tombeau de Couperin) **11.57** News. **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 4

On Long wave (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Desert Island Discs. Peter Allies, golfer and golfing commentator, in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s). **9.45** Stories in Verse. Robert Powell reads favourite tales: The Armada, and The Jackdaw of Rheims. **10.00** News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world. **10.30** Morning Story. Believed Lost by John Grillo.Read by Tim McInnerny **10.45** Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 13 (s) **11.00** News; Travel: The Countryside in Winter. With Mollie Harris. **11.48** Ship-Shape and Bristol Fashioned. Peter White was just five years old when, despite his blindness, he was packed off to boarding school. He recalls the impact it had on him. **12.00** News; The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. **12.27** Nineteen Ninety-Eight (new series). Futuristic comedy drama starring David Threlfall. Episode One (s). **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour from Scotland with Mary Marquis.Items include breast cancer screening, and services for the under-fives **3.00** News; Martin Chuzzlewit by Charles Dickens in 10 parts (9). Cast includes Patricia Hayes and Christopher Benjamin. (s). **4.00** News **4.05** M1 Memories. Christopher Pick talks to the people involved in building the first motorway in Britain **4.30** Kaleidoscope. Includes *comment* on The King Goes Forth to France, at Covent Garden (r) **5.00** PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six O'Clock News. Financial report **6.30** Going Places. Clive Jacobs and the team survey the world of travel . **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard selects some of the best moments from the last seven days of BBC television and radio (s) **8.20** Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Aberdeen are Alex Salmond (Vice-Chairman, Scottish National Party), John Cousins (Head of Personnel, Scottish Daily Record), Charles Kennedy MP and Emma Nicholson (Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party). **9.05** The Times of Their Lives. A selection of young people's diary entries about day-to-day life in Northern Ireland. **9.30** Letter From America by Alistair Cooke. **9.45** Kaleidoscope. A special feature on the Clore Gallery exhibition of Turner works. With John Jacob **10.15** A Book at Bedtime. Victory by Joseph Conrad (10) Read by John Franklyn-Robbins. **10.28** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.00** Today in Parliament **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Week Ending Satirical review (s) **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

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New £1m deal puts Arsenal in good shape

By a Special Correspondent

Arsenal, preparing for Sunday's money-spinning Littlewoods Cup final against Liverpool, received a timely boost yesterday with the announcement of a three-year extension of a sponsorship deal with JVC, believed to be worth around £1 million.

With Arsenal enjoying their most successful season for years, George Graham, the manager, said of the deal: "JVC have supported us through some fairly lean times without complaint. It is now up to the team to pay them back for that tremendous support. The deal reflects what we have done this year and gives hope to the fans."

Mr Kurt Lowy, chairman of the electronics firm, said: "It would be foolhardy of the company to withdraw its support just when the club is starting to develop into a major contender for top honours."

With the first of the major honours on offer at Wembley on Sunday, Arsenal will be at full strength for the game against Liverpool. There were no surprises when Graham announced his team yesterday with his international contingent coming through this week's European Championship programme unscathed.

However, for Allinson, whose late equalizer in the semi-final replay at Tottenham Hotspur provided the springboard for victory over their north London rivals, there was only disappointment. He does not even win a place as substitute.

Thomas, a teenage utility player, and Groves, a forward, who followed Allinson to Highbury from Colchester at the start of this season, are preferred as replacements.

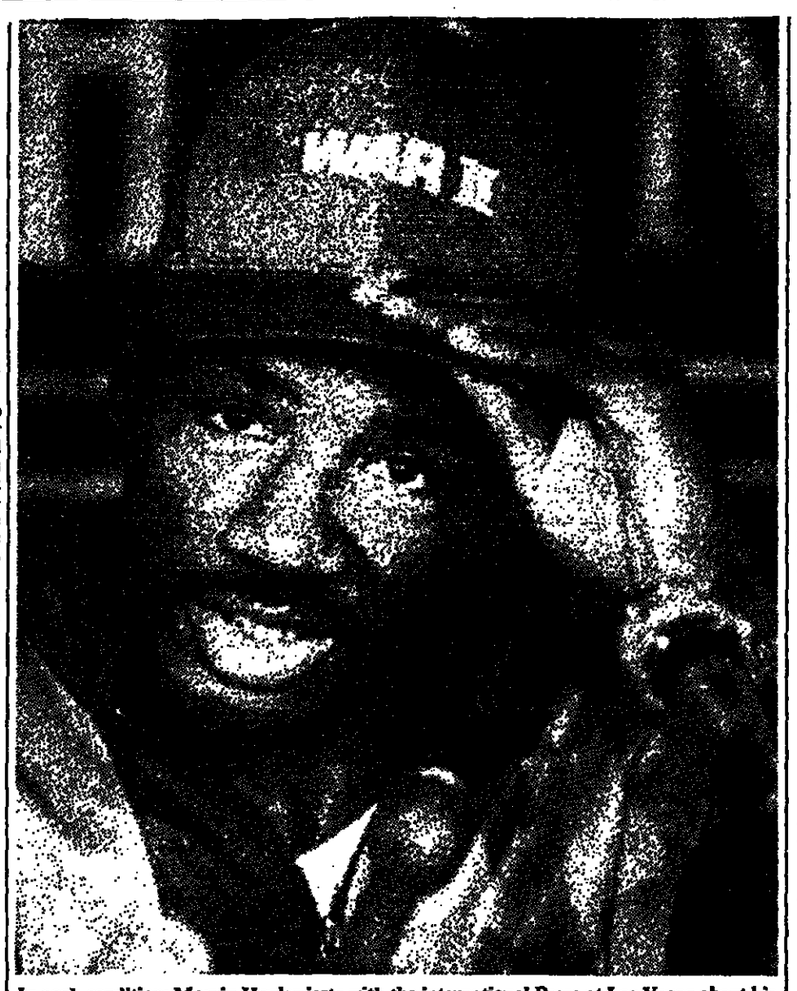
Adams, missing from England's defence in their 2-0 win over Northern Ireland in Belfast, is expected to have recovered from sinusitis and take his place in the back four. His colleagues in the England team, full backs Sansom and Anderson, and Eire striker Quinn, came through their respective trips to Ulster and Bulgaria without trouble.

Graham said: "I decided to announce the team sooner rather than later because I did not want to keep the players on tenterhooks. It was not difficult naming the side because the majority of the players in it have played in the majority of games this season."

Of Adams, who trained yesterday for the first time since his illness, Graham said: "He still feels a bit weak and has been on antibiotics, but he should be all right. There is no point in getting paranoid about Liverpool and Ian Rush. We can win as long as we play to our strengths.

"It will be very satisfying to lead out a team at Wembley as a manager. To beat that satisfaction we would have to win the League championship. I hope it becomes a habit."

ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Quinn, Nicholas, Hayes. Substitutes: Groves, Thomas.



In peak condition: Marvin Hagler jests with the international Press at Las Vegas about his world title defence on Monday against Sugar Ray Leonard. Srikumar Sen's report, page 36

More alarms off pitch than on it

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Coverage of England's triumph in Belfast on Wednesday night may have seemed truncated. If so, the impression was not misleading. After the end of the European Championship tie, representatives of the media were told that Windsor Park might shortly be struck by a couple of mortar shells.

Although it was April Fool's Day, no one even considered that the information might be a joke. Police advice "to get out not now, but two minutes ago" was taken seriously. Plugs were pulled out, lights switched off and the area vacated in a hurry.

The subsequent departure of the England camp was conducted with far greater urgency than the match itself, which sank after the interval into the arms of Morphus. If the first half was animated, the second was soporific.

The Irish should accept most of the blame for the inactivity. They re-emerged with only the intention of avoiding a painful defeat. Bryan Robson and Waddle, who is rapidly developing into a forward of genuine international stature, had by then inflicted more than enough damage.

England, allowed to keep the ball to themselves, indulged in a possession game that was seldom interrupted. The tedious spectacle disappointed Bobby Robson, though he was justifiable satisfied that his side had reached the position where they could treat the fixture as though it was being held on a training pitch.

The Yugoslavs, for instance, would be agreeably surprised if they win similar permission to practice at Windsor Park at any stage on the night of April 29. They have appeared there only once before, for a European Championship qualifying tie a dozen years ago, and were beaten 1-0.

Before the Slavs attempt to gain revenge later this month, England should earlier in the day have stretched their lead at the top of group four. But Robson stresses that the visit to Izmir should not be regarded as a formality. When he watched Turkey beat East Germany last week, he was "shocked" by the improvement provided by older and more experienced players. Yet it would be astonishing if opponents beaten 8-0 at home by England two and a half years ago manage to close the gap.

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Turkey	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
N Ireland	3	0	1	2	0	5	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 29: Turkey v England, Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia; October 14: England v Turkey, Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland; November 11: Yugoslavia v England, Northern Ireland v Turkey; December 16: Turkey v Yugoslavia.

Bomb fear threatens Belfast tie

By John Goodbody

Northern Ireland's match against Yugoslavia in Belfast later this month in the European Championships could be in jeopardy because of Wednesday night's car bomb 100 yards from Windsor Park.

Sport has traditionally been exempt from attacks from the IRA but Harry Cavan, president of the Irish Football Association, said yesterday: "Until Wednesday evening I was always fairly happy that football here was a unifying force. Last night put that belief in grave doubt."

Much will depend on the report of the Finnish observer of UEFA, the European governing body, when he gives his account of the game, which England won 2-0. A UEFA official said yesterday that he could not make any comment until the report had been received.

The England team evacuated the ground "as quickly as possible" afterwards because a makeshift mortar launcher was found nearby. The observer would be certain to mention that there was fighting on the terraces between the police and the Irish crowd. England fans were not directly involved.

Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, said: "We are not playing Northern Ireland regularly now and, having been drawn against them in the last two competitions, the odds on our meeting them again must be long. By the time we do, the political situation may have changed completely."

Dennis appeals

By Chris Moore

Mark Dennis, acting on the advice of both his solicitor and the Professional Footballers Association, yesterday submitted an appeal to the Football League against Southampton's decision to cancel his contract.

"At this stage of the proceedings, we have only heard one side of the story," the PFA Assistant Secretary, Brendon Batson, said last night. "We are still awaiting a copy of the letter of dismissal that was sent to the player before confirming we will definitely be taking up his case. But an appeal has already been lodged."

On receipt of the document the League's management committee will have fourteen days to convene a hearing for the case. "If either party is unhappy with the findings of the commission they can take the matter to the Football League Appeals Committee," Batson said.

That would consist of an independent chairman together with representatives of the League, the PFA and the Managers and Secretaries Executive Staff Association. Southampton's board of directors decided to dispense with Dennis's services on Wednesday following the latest in series of incidents involving the defender, aged 25.

The solicitor acting for Dennis said the player would not be speaking to any clubs.

● Norman Whiteside, released by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, for Northern Ireland's European championship match against England, aggravated a groin injury and is not expected to play again for two or three weeks.

Whither the FA's way when Croker retires?

By David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent

When Ted Croker retires as general secretary-chief executive in February, 1989, the FA will be confronted with the biggest upheaval in leadership since the departure of Sir Stanley Rous to be President of FIFA in 1961.

The FA has to decide whether to remain a traditional body, or to move more towards the American style of administration, with their all-powerful commissioners, such as Peter Ueberroth in baseball. The relationship between paid staff and elected officers is becoming critically important in major sports organizations where the paid staff tend to know far more than their honorary masters.

Discussion, not to say internal argument, is already underway within the council about the nature of Croker's successor: should he be an administrative secretary or another chief executive, or should the job be split? The embers of jealousy among honorary officials are smouldering again at Lancaster Gate.

Jealously stirs at Lancaster Gate

Yet the FA face much more than the replacement of Croker after 16 years of office during which the FA's affairs have hugely expanded. Both Bert Millichip and Arthur McMullan, the chairman and vice-chairman, will be in their late seventies, while three other key members of the paid staff, Nigel Bird, Reg Paine and Alan Odell are all also due for retirement.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that Millichip's most eligible and likely successor, John Tanner, the former Huddersfield, Pegasus and England Amateur centre-forward, has sadly been unwell. I understand he will not stand for the vice-chairmanship this summer.

Tanner, an executive with Courtaulds and one of the most outstanding amateur forwards of the past 70 years, is a prominent figure in the FA's financial affairs, and at 65 is younger than most of the vice-presidents or council members who might also be candidates.

Dr John O'Hara (Sussex), Douglas Goodchild (Berks and Bucks), and Les Mackay (London) are all in their seventies. Bob Strachan (Yorks) is only 61, but is Scottish: though that did not disqualify the modest and well-liked Dr Andrew Stephen from becoming chairman.

The most obvious, and youngest, of the vice-chairmen is Philip Carter, the President of the Football League, but the feeling is that the council will want a non-League man. Other candidates from the League could be Jack Dunnett (past president) and Ken Bates, but it is most unlikely they would muster council support. Dunnett is remembered for allowing the artificial turf controversy to develop by not resisting Queen's Park Rangers, and Bates, for being himself.

Should Tanner continue to be indisposed, the way could open for Croker himself to become a candidate as chairman, though he would first have to become an elected official.

Croker would undoubtedly welcome the opportunity to continue in the game as gamekeeper-turned-squire, and the advantage to the FA is that they would be able to exploit his established position within UEFA (as member of the television and Cups organizing committees), and FIFA (technical committee). Croker is not without expectation of moving up the international administrative ladder.

However, it must be doubtful whether the FA, among whose ranks envy goes hand-in-hand with reason, would simultaneously promote one chief executive and appoint another, with equal or even more authority. They would feel they were becoming like Marks and Spencer.

Market awareness is an essential

Yet market awareness is an essential in sporting officialdom so long as it is kept in balance. Croker has regular talk-ins with his opposite numbers at the All-England Club and the R and A, while being one of those who believes emphatically that the FA Cup should not be sponsored. Would the FA Cup be safe with someone from the League?

The next 20 years are probably going to determine whether football remains our foremost national winter spectator sport or whether it goes further into decline in finance and status. The difficulty is that those from the League tend to believe in selling the furniture to pay the servants, yet simultaneously call the tune within the FA because their (international) players produce the FA's main income.

In finding successors to Millichip and Croker, the FA councillors need to think more broadly, less parochially, than ever before.

Rain threatens West Tip's National hopes

By John Dorman

Michael Oliver is extremely worried about the weather forecast for Liverpool and fears that much more rain in the area will ruin West Tip's chances of winning his second successive Grand National tomorrow.

"The ground worries me greatly," he said yesterday. "The going on the National course today was soft, and West Tip likes goodish ground. The more it rains, the less chance he has of winning."

The trainer, however, has been entirely happy with West Tip's preparation for Aintree this season, despite fears expressed in some quarters that the horse has taken longer than usual to reach peak fitness. "I'm very pleased indeed," Oliver said. "His preparation has gone perfectly. I know that there was a bit of a worry after the Wincanton race, but I think the ground told against him there."

There was also concern expressed after the Gold Cup, when it was felt that West Tip had been given a particularly hard ride round Cheltenham. "That's a load of rubbish", Oliver said firmly. "West Tip is a lazy horse, so he always has a pretty hard race. If anything, I think he had an easier time in the Gold Cup, because Peter Hobbs was not familiar with him, and he rode him carefully. He had a harder time in some of his earlier races this season."

Hobbs rode the horse at Cheltenham because his regular jockey, Richard Dunwoody, was astride Charter Party, and was also the centre of a controversy about whether or not he would regain the ride for Liverpool. That question has been resolved, and Oliver confessed his relief that Dunwoody will once again partner West Tip over Aintree's massive fences. "Richard knows the horse best," Oliver said, "and they get on so well."

West Tip has been backed down to 4-1 for tomorrow's race, a price which drew sharp comment from Oliver: "It's a ridiculous price. Absolutely hideous. I think that any horse is only an 8-1 or 10-1 shot just to get round the National course."

Oliver considers that West Tip's main rivals are Dark Ivy and Plundering. Fred Winter's yard has been coming into ominous form lately, and Peter Scudamore's mount is available at 20-1 from most bookmakers. "I suppose you must consider The Thinker as well, if it runs," Oliver said, "although I am not that impressed with his jumping."

Michael is a confessed pessimist, and the better West Tip runs on Saturday, the more he will worry until the race is over. "I think it's a bad sign when he goes very well," he said.

The horse is fit and the jockey is confident, although he admits that a certain amount of luck is required in the National. The trainer, however, is a worried man, and will be praying that the skies over Liverpool stay clear until tomorrow evening.

Yesterday's racing, page 35

Chen leads as Lyle struggles on greens

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Greensboro

T C Chen, of Taiwan, took the early first round lead with a four-under-par 68 in the Greater Greensboro Open here yesterday as Sandy Lyle began his defence of the title with a battling 73. Chen, who won the Los Angeles Open earlier this year, had five birdies in his round whereas Lyle, struggling on the greens, had to wait until the 18th hole for his second birdie, when a putt of 20ft toppled in on the last roll.

Lyle said: "I was disappointed with the way I putted, but apart from that I'm happy with the round. I'm in a good frame of mind and I reckon a 73 in today's conditions is a reasonable round." Nick Faldo put together a level par round of 72 and Jose-Maria Olazabal, of Spain, took 73.

Lyle initially struggled as he began the defence of his title on this North Carolina course. He missed the green at the third, although he chipped to 2ft to salvage his par, and he was also wide of the mark at the short fourth, where he eventually holed from 3ft for his par. At the seventh Lyle was through the green in two and his pitch back lacked control. He took two putts to drop his first shot on the way to reaching the turn in 37.

Lyle dropped another shot before he finally produced his first birdie of the round by holing from 8ft for a four at the long 13th.

In contrast, Faldo, who began from the 10th, started in some style. He pitched to 2ft for a birdie at the 14th and he followed that by hitting a superb two-iron approach to 8ft into the wind at the 16th. He holed for a birdie three, but immediately dropped the shot when his four-iron tee shot found the right-hand bunker.

Olazabal lacked his usual sharpness on and around the greens. He managed only one birdie, at the 11th, where he holed a running pitch shot with a nine-iron. Earlier he had missed the green with his five-iron at the short third, on the way to an outward 37, and he took three putts at the short 17th. The slim Spaniard had a chance of a birdie at the last, but he once again missed from 10ft.

It was Olazabal's first round as a professional in the United States. He received a late invitation for this event, and he will go on to play in the US Masters next week.

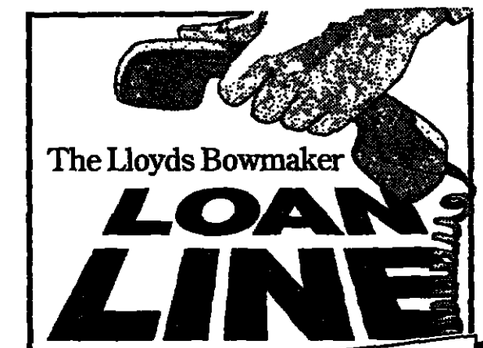
Card of the course

Forest Oaks

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	407	4	10	393	4
2	511	5	11	383	4
3	409	4	12	186	3
4	190	3	13	503	5
5	415	4	14	438	4
6	386	4	15	554	5
7	372	4	16	408	4
8	215	3	17	188	3
9	574	5	18	426	4
Out	3,479	36	In	3,479	36

Total yardage: 6,958 Par: 72

EARLY FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 68: T C Chen (Taiwan). 70: D Rummells; S Simpson; D Hammond. 71: G Sauers; G Hallberg. 72: N Faldo (GB); D Stockton; J Sluman; B Cole (SA); J Cook; C Boling. Other scores: 73: S Lyle (GB); J-M Olazabal (Sp).



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SPORT IN BRIEF

Death of a Musketeer

Henri Cochet, who was considered by many as the best French tennis player ever, died on Wednesday night in a clinic in St Germain-en-Laye. He was 85 years old.

Cochet, along with Rene Lacoste, Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon, formed "The Four Musketeers" – one of the most successful Davis Cup teams on record. He won 44 rubbers out of 58 in the competition, as well as six French titles, two Wimbledons, and a triumph at Forest Hills, between 1928-33. He last reclaimed the French No. 1 ranking in 1944 – aged 43.

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Lendl agrees

Ivan Lendl confirmed today that he will take part in the Scottish grass-court championships in Edinburgh just before Wimbledon – and he hopes to support the event for a further two years. The world No. 1, speaking from his American home in Connecticut, confirmed he will take part in the event, which is the second-oldest tennis tournament in the world. Andrés Gómez, of Ecuador, and Andrei Chesnokov, the Soviet Union's No. 1, will also play.

Becker blow

Boris Becker, the West German tennis player ranked No. 2 in the world, has said he will withdraw from the Italian Open championship from May 11-17. Becker said at the Fila Trophy yesterday that he had a commitment in the United States the week before.

Aussie rules

Several rugby league clubs in Australia are considering a ban on players signing for English clubs during their close season (Keith Macklin writes). Club coaches in Australia complained that players returned from Britain injured, and one added that his players "didn't learn anything from going to England."

Hearn dispute

Barry Hearn has pulled his Maichroom team of seven snooker players out of the Winfield Australian Masters tournament, scheduled at Sydney this July, following a disagreement over travelling arrangements.

Lodge saved

A last-minute sponsorship deal by Reebok, the sports kit manufacturers, has saved Redwood Lodge, the Bristol-based volleyball club from extinction. The club will continue to play in the Royal Bank English League first division next season, after the two-year arrangement was announced.

Boycott call

Geoff Boycott, the former England Test batsman, has been invited to resume his cricket career at Barnsley – the club he started his career with 25 years ago. The club's management committee have invited Boycott to captain the side in the Yorkshire Council.

Neale benefits

Worcester County Cricket Club have granted Phil Neale, their captain for the past five seasons, a benefit year in 1988.

Swansea clash

Glamorgan's Benson and Hedges cricket cup match against Sussex, at Swansea, has been switched from Saturday, May 2, to Monday, May 4, to avoid clashing with Swansea Rugby Club's appearance in the Schweppes Welsh Rugby Union Cup final on the Saturday. The cricket match will start at 11am and will be completed on Tuesday May 5 if weather interferes on the first day.

Carleton out

John Carleton, the former England rugby union winger, will miss Orrell's match against West of Scotland on Saturday following the head-wound he sustained in his club's John Player Special Cup defeat to Bath. He received 10 stitches.

Move for Dwyer

Mark Dwyer, the Keighley rugby league club centre, has signed permanently for Rochdale Hornets after a loan spell there.

Salmon's hopes put on ice

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Problems continue to haunt England's preparations for their final Five Nations rugby championship match of the season, against Scotland at Twickenham tomorrow. During yesterday's private training at the Bank of England ground Jamie Salmon turned an ankle, casting doubts on whether he would be fit to play.

Salmon, aged 27, the Harlequins centre who is due to win his eighth England cap, went straight back to the team hotel to pack the injury in ice. He remains optimistic but Kevin Simms, the Wasps centre dropped after England's defeat by Wales, has been added to the squad and will play if required. Michael Weston, the chairman of selectors, said: "At this stage Jamie looks very doubtful."

Iain Milne, the Scottish tight-head prop, trained with the squad in Edinburgh before the flight south. Milne injured an ankle during the game with Wales last month. Michael Bradley, the Irish scrum half, has shaken off a leg injury received last week and expects to be fit for the game against Wales in Cardiff.

Scotland dig in for victory

By Sydney Friskin

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Scotland, last year's runners-up, won the British Universities Sports Federation tournament for the first time when they defeated London in a thrilling final at Loughborough yesterday.

Excitement reached its highest point in the twentieth minute of the second half when Howell, the Scotland goalkeeper, saved a penalty stroke from Riley, who had a chance to level the score at 2-2.

Goals from Bradley (12min) and MacFarlane (24) gave Scotland the lead before Thompson pulled one back for London four minutes before half-time. Another chance for London went begging, Baxter shooting wide.

SCOTLAND: M Howell; H Kennedy, D MacFarlane, D Osbourne, D Sim, M Smyth, P Reid, N MacLeod, M Loughlin, D Stanfield, R Bradley.
LONDON: R Purvis; P O'Donnell, M Riley, D Reynolds, P Kirkland, R Thompson, M Baxter, P Simmpton, M Ward, J Mathieu, I King.
Umpires: G Nash (Northern Counties), P Broughton (Eastern Counties).
RESULTS: Final: Scotland 2, London 1. Semi-finals: London 8, UAU II 3; Scotland 2, Wales 1 (aet). Play-off for third place: UAU II 5, Wales 1. Play-off for fifth place: UAU I 3, Oxford 1. Play-off for seventh place: Cambridge 3, Northern Ireland 0.